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Births.

MORGAN.—December 9, at Gwynfryn, Kogarah, the wife of the Rev. David Morgan—a daughter.

Deaths.

CARROLL.—December 10, 1902, at Woy Woy, Mr. Charles Carroll, J.P., late of Oxford-street, city, age 48 years. R.I.P.

COSTELLOE.—December 10, at his residence, Kogarah, the dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Costelloe, and father of J. R. Costelloe, Annie, Beus, and Albert Costelloe, aged 68 years.

LYNCH.—December 11, at her residence, 6 Cottenham-street, the Glebe, Elizabeth Lynch, aged 54 years.

MOLONEY.—December 11, 1902, at her son's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, Margaret Moloney (born at Terroranan, County Clare, Ireland), aged 70 years. At rest.

PAYTEN.—December 11, at Melrose Hospital, Cambridge-street, Stanmore, Samuel Payten, aged 78 years.

WATT.—December 11, at her residence, No. 3 Gladstone-street, off Waterloo-street, Surry Hills, Elizabeth Watt, aged 66 years.

In Memoriam.

BLACKMOORE.—In loving remembrance of our dear Charley, who departed this life at 86 Kent-street, Miller's Point, December 12, 1890. R.I.P. Inserted by his loving mother, sister, and brothers, Ellen, Sarah, Harrie, and John Blackmoore.

COOK.—In sad and loving memory of our dear son, William Clark Cook, who died at Coolgardie December 12th, 1901, aged 23 years.

We cannot clasp thy hands, dear Will,
Thy face we cannot see,
But as long as life and memory lasts
We will remember thee.

Inserted by his loving father and mother, A. and M. Cook.

DAVIDSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Charles Davidson, who departed this life December 12th, 1900, at his residence, 54 Regent-street, Paddington, aged 44 years. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and children.

DELAHUNTY.—In sorrowful but affectionate remembrance of my dear husband and our darling dadda, Thomas Delahunty, who departed this life December 12th, 1895. R.I.P. Sadly missed by his affectionate children.

DULVEY.—In sorrowful remembrance of Arthur, who died December 12th, 1901. "Secure in Christ he sweetly sleeps, hid in the ground." D. H.

FRANK.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Jack, who departed this life December 12, 1893. Thou art gone, but never will be forgotten. Inserted by his loving mother, brothers, and sisters. Blanche B. Frank.

GORDON.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Maria Gordon, who passed away 12th December, 1901. Inserted by her daughter, A. Gordon.

KEMPSTER.—In loving memory of Margaret, beloved wife of William Kempster, who died on the 12th December, 1900.

Though I am left, and you are gone,
To tread this vale alone,
We'll hope to meet again in heaven,
With Christ before God's throne.

Inserted by her loving husband, William Kempster.

M'DONALD.—In sad and loving remembrance of our darling Flo, who departed this life December 12th, 1901, at her sister's residence, Ourimbah.

Darling Flo, you have left us,
In this sad bitter world to mourn;
The voice that filled our hearts with pleasure,
In silence now we sadly mourn.
Through all your pains at times you smiled
A smile of heavenly birth,
And when the angels called you home,
You smiled farewell to earth.
For twenty-two years our family chain
Was firmly linked together,
But oh, the chain is broken now,
Our darling Flo has gone to heaven.

Inserted by her fond and loving parents, sisters, and brothers, F. and A. M'Donald.

M'EVOY.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Sarah M'Evoy, who died December 12, 1900, at her residence, 8 Wyndham-street, Alexandria. Inserted by her loving husband, daughter, and sons.

Happy soul, thy days are ended,
All thy mourning days below,
For by angel guards attended,
To the right of Jesus go.

PETTET.—In sad and loving memory of my dear husband and father, who departed this life December 12, 1897, at One Mile, Grenfell, N.S.W. So dearly loved, so sadly mourned. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

PRIESTLY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, George Priestly, who died 12th December, 1893. Inserted by his affectionate wife, Maria Priestly.

SMITH.—In loving remembrance of our dear daughter and sister, Marion (May), aged 7 years, who was accidentally killed December 12th, 1899, at Marrickville.

Dearest Marion thou hath left us,
Thou dost dwell with angels now,
And a wreath of glory priceless
Sparkles on thy shining brow.

Inserted by her loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

SMITH.—In fond and loving memory of my dear and only daughter Mary, who departed this life on December 12th, 1900. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving mother, Helen Burton.

SMITH.—In fond memory of my dear sister Mary, who departed this life December 12th, 1900. Inserted by her loving brother, J. W. Tuesley.

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*P. R. LUITPOLD	6,288	Oesselmann	Jan. 31	Feb. 7
*FRIEDRICH D. G.	10,569	M. Eichel	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
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			1903.
BRITANNIA	6525	F. H. Seymour	Jan. 10
ROME	5545	J. Paine, R.N.R.	Jan. 24
ARCADIA	6603	F. C. A. Lyon, R.N.R.	Feb. 7
*INDIA	7911	F. W. Vibert, R.N.R.	Feb. 18
*OCEANA	6603	E. Street	Mch. 4
*AUSTRALIA	6901	F. J. Cole	Mch. 18
*VICTORIA	6527	R. L. Haddock, R.N.R.	April 1
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		1903.	1903.	1903.
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ORUBA	5857	Burgoin	Jan. 3	Jan. 6	Jan. 8
AUSTRAL	5524	Nicholson	Jan. 17	Jan. 20	Jan. 22
*OPHIR	6814	Kershaw	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 5
*OMRAH†	8291	Symons	Feb. 11	Feb. 17	Feb. 19
ORMUZ†	6387	Shelford	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	Mar. 5
ORIZABA†	6297	Archer	Mar. 11	Mar. 17	Mar. 19
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Public Notices.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT, 1901.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REGISTER AN INDUSTRIAL UNION.

NOTICE is hereby given that Application has been made to Register as an Industrial Union under the "Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901," the Trade Union styled "The Tobacco Twisters' Association of New South Wales." All Notices of objections to such registration (together with affidavits in support of same) must be lodged with me within one month from the date hereof.

Dated the 12th day of December, 1902.

G. C. ADDISON, Registrar, Industrial Arbitration Act.

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Dated at Sydney this 12th day of December, 1902.

(Sgd.) N. F. CHRISTOE, Manager.

THE COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, Limited. LOST POLICY.

In compliance with the provisions of the Lost Policies Act, NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Society to issue, on or after 11th January next, a SPECIAL POLICY in lieu of Policy No. 32,294, on the life of JOSEPH CHARLES PRIEST, which is declared to have been lost.

Dated at Sydney this 11th December, 1902.

A. ROSS MILLER, Secretary.

TO the Members of the LOYAL EUREKA LODGE, MANCHESTER UNITY, and to the Members of the TROLLY and DRAYMEN'S UNION, and to my Friends in general.—I wish to acknowledge the receipt of £85, being the amount received from the Treasurer of the Committee which was formed to raise funds on my behalf, particularly the gentlemen who comprised such committee for the generous and practical and pecuniary sympathy which was shown to myself and family on the occasion of my serious accident. P. Cahill, 2 Raglan-st., Waterloo.

THIS is to certify that Messrs. HEDGER and WILLS have paid to Lewisham Hospital the sum of £1 11s on behalf of the late Stanmore Pastime Club. December 10, 1902.

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HENRY SMITH, of Dulwich Hill, Builder, wishes to state that he was not the defendant in the Supreme Court case, Walden v. Smith, reported in Wednesday's issue of this paper.

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LOST, Wed., 10th, half crescent Silver Brooch, set with moonstones. Reward. J. S. Simpson, Miller-st., N. S.

LOST, Piano for a Store, Botany tram, 4 p.m. Apply D. T. Brown, Buckland-st., Alexandria.

LOST, silver open-faced keyless Stopwatch, A.O.R., 1900, on case. Reward. Etham, Darling Point.

LOST, Gold BROOCH, near Royal Arcade. Apply 285 Pitt-st., city.

LOST, Red Roan FILLY, white face and stockings behind, brd. BS; rew. £1. Summerhayes, N'town B.

LOST, Ashfield or Sydney, small Gold Bar BROOCH; reward. L. J. Hagarty, Lands Department.

LOST, Gold PIN, amethyst stone, coin engraved Kruger and Cronje; reward. 127, Q. V. Markets.

LOST, light-coloured St. Bernard DOG, answers Carlo. Reward, G. W. Davies, Stationmaster, Strathfield.

LOST, from Clovelly Park, Tuesday evg., 3 Shetland PONIES, branded D or shr. J. Devlin, Ashfield.

LOST, PURSE, containing three cheques, gold, and silver. Reward, 49 Ross-st., Forest Lodge.

LOST, bet. Glebe and city, Silver MEDAL, R.V.P. on gold shield. Reward, 29 Talfourd-st., Glebe.

LOST, Umbrella, Pub. Sch. concert, Town H., Wed. evg.; rew. Nth. British Fire Co., 6 Spring-st.

LOST, gold Brooch, 2 bars with amethyst in centre. Reward. Mrs. Meares, 4 Short-st., Summer Hill.

LOST, Cheque, £7 17s, No. A58984, made by Alfred E. Robbins, E.S. and A. Bank, Pyrmont. Paym stopped.

LOST, bet. P.O. and Wellington-st., Newtown, Brooch, 1 amethyst; rew. 18 Wellington-st., Newtown.

LOST, White BULL-TERRIER; good reward. 62 Glebe-rd.

LOST, Fox-terrier DOG, white with blk. spots, colr. on, answers Mick; rew. 199 Par'matta-rd., Leichhardt.

LOST, 2 yellow COWS, 1 white on back 1 white face. 67 Windsor-rd., Petersham.

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LOST, near Summer Hill station, gold Wishbone PIN; reward. 14 Bogan-st.

LOST, Lady's RING, in small sewn leather case; reward. Box 1001, G.P.O.

LOST, Mosman's Wharf, Monday night, sable COLLIE, slut. Rew. E. Calder, The Nook, Belmont-rd., Mos.

LOST, 9 a.m. train from Hornsby, Sund. last, pair Gold SPECS, in case. Reward. Mrs. Campbell, Beecroft.

LOST, Bay MARE, branded JM over 2. £2 reward on delivery to H. Colbran, Kogarah Bay.

LOST, last Tues. night, on tram line, opp. Blind Asylum, metal-top Umbrella, 2s 6d r. 58 Pitt-st., city.

LOST, the morning headache, now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, Chestnut HORSE, white streak down forehead, branded off shoulder MXT, 62 on neck, scum off eye, 1 front leg grey, both knees bumped; £1 reward. W. SPITTLEHOUSE, Cook's River-road, St. Peters.

LOST, Wednesday night, between Macleay-street and Theatre Royal, Diamond BROOCH, hook and eye; good reward. 44 Macleay-street, Potts Point.

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SAFETY-PIN BROOCH LOST. Reward. A. J. Brierley, 50 The Strand.

SMALL Opal BROOCH, claw set., bet. D'hurst and D. Bay. Reward, Boronia, New S. Head-rd., Double Bay.

STRAYED, into my paddock, Bay Horse, BE near shoulder, snip face, not shod; Bay Mare, blk. points, MB nr. shoulder. Owner have same by paying expenses. M. BURKE, Dairyman, Cook's River-road, Tempe.

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Applications, addressed to the Chairman of the Lyttelton Harbour Board at Christchurch, N.Z., will be received up to 12 noon on FRIDAY, the 12th December, 1902.

Originals of testimonials not required to be sent in. By order.

C. HOOD WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer, Lyttelton Harbour Board.

Lyttelton Harbour Board Office, Christchurch, N.Z., 7th November, 1902.

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45s	AULD JOCK, flagons	3	6
	Auld Jock, half flagons	2	0
48s	Auld Jock Whisky, bottles	4	3
	Auld Jock Whisky, flasks	2	6
	Auld Jock Whisky, half flasks	1	6
47s	WHITE CROSS Schnapps, large	4	0
46s	WHITE CROSS Schnapps, small	2	0
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46s	FOUR CROWN WHISKY, per bottle	4	0
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	THE BEST DRINK ON EARTH, HELIDON SPA AND FITZ.'S FEDERAL WHISKY.		
	STRATHMILL WHISKY, per bot.	4	9
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Yours faithfully, CHARLES KING and CO., 29 High-street, Sydney.

LASSETTER'S NEVER SO BUSY.

Never in the history of LASSETTER'S Business has the volume of trade been so great. It is most encouraging. LASSETTER'S ALWAYS CHEAPER is the secret. LASSETTER'S guarantee to always sell AT LEAST 2½ per cent. BELOW the (only), often 5 PER CENT., sometimes 15 PER CENT. Send the (only's) quotations, with a remittance LESS 2½ per cent., and LASSETTER'S send you the goods by the next train.

A DIFFERENT TALE.

The (only) tells a VERY different tale. In a MELBOURNE NEWSPAPER (The Age, November 6th) the (only's) representative says:—

"TIMES ARE FRIGHTFULLY DULL. I HAVE NEVER KNOWN THEM WORSE." The Age's Special Reporter further stated that the (only) has REDUCED THE NUMBER OF HIS EMPLOYEES in MOST DEPARTMENTS. In the (only's) furniture factory the MEN have been WORKING BROKEN TIME—week and week about—and a number of them have HAD TO BE DISMISSED.

A CONFESSION.

This is a CONFESSION that LASSETTER'S have COLLARED THE TRADE.

What a BACKDOWN after the COCK-A-HOOP advertisements JEERING at what he termed the Downtown HIGH-PRICED MONGERS, laughing at their DECREASING TRADE, stating that GRASS was GROWING at their shop doors. (Does the (only) want a Lawn Mower NOW? If so, he had better buy one at LASSETTER'S, they are TEN SHILLINGS CHEAPER than his own).

MELBOURNE SLOPS.

The Melbourne Age, Nov. 6th, by "our" special reporter says that the (only) has "RECENTLY FELT COMPELLED to DISMISS 75 TAILORESSES, and a few months ago gave an order for £5000 worth of MELBOURNE SLOP-MADE GOODS."

LASSETTER'S do NOT keep MELBOURNE SLOP-MADE goods. All LASSETTER'S CLOTHING is the BEST SYDNEY MAKE.

DOES the (only) REMEMBER stating that the DOWN-DOWN SHOPS WERE discharging assistants DAILY, and that YAWNING SHOPWALKERS were LISTLESSLY LOLLING over the COUNTERS YARNING to the lady assistants? The (only) has a different CRY now, "TIMES are FRIGHTFULLY BAD. I HAVE NEVER KNOWN THEM WORSE."

COMMERCIAL LIARS.

This is what the (only) called LASSETTER'S in one of his CHARMING advertisements, when LASSETTER'S advertised goods "EX MAIL S.S. India." The (only) said LASSETTER'S bought the goods in a York-street Warehouse.

BOGUS SAUCE MERCHANTS.

Another playful epithet the (only) applied to LASSETTER'S. BOGUS SAUCE MERCHANTS, forsooth!! LASSETTER'S will give Fifty Pounds to the Sydney Hospital for every bottle of Bogus Sauce they ever sold if the (only) will give 3d (threepence) for every one he sold.

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Get the (only's) QUOTATIONS.

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Let them therefore STAND FIRST, for it is IMPOSSIBLE for intelligent BUYERS, however much they may be impressed with

THE GRANDEUR OF THE SHOW,
THE BEAUTY OF THE SHOW,
AND
THE EXTENT OF THE SHOW,

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TIME FLIES! XMAS IS HERE.

Already OUR STORE is crammed with XMAS BUYERS every day. SHOP AS EARLY as you can. Avoid the INEVITABLE CRUSH of the LAST DAYS. Make out your GROCERY LISTS, decide upon your XMAS PRESENTS, get fixed up with your XMAS CLOTHES, see in Cakes, Biscuits, LOLLYPOPS, and ALL THE REST, and do the BUSINESS at

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BRIGHTON RACES.

TO-DAY, FRIDAY.

A SPECIAL TRAIN for First and Second Class Passengers will leave Sydney at 1.55 p.m. for Rockdale, returning from Rockdale after the races, and trams will connect with same from and to Rockdale Station.

RETURN FARES FROM SYDNEY: FIRST-CLASS, 1s 2d; SECOND-CLASS, 11d.

SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN.

SYDNEY TO GOSFORD.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY.

A SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m. for Gosford, calling at Strathfield, Hornsby, and stations beyond, reaching Gosford at 11.15 a.m.

On this date passengers for stations Hornsby to Gosford inclusive, will not be conveyed by the 9.5 a.m. ordinary train from Sydney, but must travel by the 9.10 a.m. special train.

RAIL AND RIVER EXCURSIONS.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY.

FOR THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

Trains will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. The river trip will occupy five hours. Seventy miles by rail and 36 by steamer.

RETURN FARES (including trip in steamer General Gordon): First-class, 5s 6d; Second-class, 3s 6d.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.

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Train will leave Sydney at 2.10 p.m., calling at all stations. Twenty-four miles by rail and 16 by steamer.

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By order of the Commissioners.

H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN v. NEW SOUTH WALES, AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

A FREQUENT SERVICE of TRAMS will be run to the Cricket Ground from Bent-street and the Railway Subway commencing at 10.40 a.m.

By order of the Commissioners,

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PUBLIC RECEPTION TO VICTOR TRUMPER.

Under the auspices of the Crown-street School Old Boys' Union.

SYDNEY TOWN HALL, TO-NIGHT, 12th December.

ORGAN RECITAL by Mr. Arthur Mason, City Organist, 7.30 to 8.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney will preside at 8 p.m. FIRST-CLASS MUSICAL PROGRAMME contributed by Maud Fitz-Stubbs, Elsie Peerless, Nellie Pointing, Ruby Faulkner, Mons. Pauwels, Chas. Ritchie, E. Stevenson, Wm. Walsh, W. Pursehouse, Harry Wilkie, N. J. Gehde, Herr Scheinpflug, Rastus Banjo Club, and the Meistersingers.

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A SOUVENIR programme, containing statistics, records, photo, &c., will be GIVEN AWAY in the hall. TICKETS, 1s, from leading shops in Sydney and suburbs, or from Reception Committee, Queen's Hall, Pitt-street.

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"ROSEHILL"

("WHERE THE BEST OF HORSES RACE")

SUMMER MEETING.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, DEC. 13.

WEIGHT-FOR-AGE RACE. 127 ENTRIES!

SPECIAL TRAINS DIRECT TO THE RACECOURSE PLATFORM WILL LEAVE AS UNDER:—

11.40 a.m.—Horse Train.
12.20 p.m.—1st and 2nd Class.
12.50 p.m.—1st Class.
12.55 p.m.—2nd Class.
1 p.m.—1st Class.
1.8 p.m.—1st and 2nd Class.
1.23 p.m.—1st and 2nd Class. This Train (1.23) will arrive at the Racecourse Gates about 10 minutes previous to the starting of the first race.
1.41 p.m.—1st and 2nd Class (stops at Petersham, Lewisham, Summer Hill, Ashfield, and Strathfield).

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Admission to Paddock, 7s; Ladies, 2s 6d. Admission to Flat, 2s.

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MONDAY, DEC. 15th, 1902.
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ANTONIA DOLORES will sing "I Attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly," Town Hall, To-mor. Eveng.

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FIRST RACE, 1.30 P.M.

SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1902.

FIRST RACE, 1.30 P.M.

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CASH OR TIME PAYMENT.—Pony, Sulky, and Harness, £6; Pony, Village Cart, and Harness, £8; 20 Horses, light and heavy, week's trial; Village Cart, £3; 3-spring Sulky, Harness, and Lamps, suit country, £5; Horse, Spring Cart, Harness, £7; Horse, Van, and Harness, £7; 2 single Horse Lorries; 6 Tipdrays, new and second hand; double-seated Buggy, Harness, with lamp, suit country, £8; 2 Farm Drays, suit country, £3; good Draught Mare, Farm Dray, and Harness, £11; 2 light staircase 'Buses, suit country, £6 each; 10 Sulkies, new and second hand; Grocer's, Spring, Pagnel, and Village Carts; small Pony Sulky, £4; Spring Dray, £4; Boxcart, £3; light covered Express Waggon, £5; 3 Timber Drays; secondhand Baker's Cart, good order, £6; covered Cart, suit hawker. Largest and cheapest Saleyard in Sydney, ROBO'S, Pine or Stream streets, off Abercrombie-street. Back of St. Benedict's Church, off George-street West. Letters and country orders attended to immediately.

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PIGS.—Pure-bred Berkshire Weaners, fr. prize stk., 30s ea., approv., rail paid. Macdonald, Ingleburn.

PURE-BRED Jersey CATTLE, to be sold Inglis's Railway Yards, Geo.-st.-st., THURSDAY, 18th, 3 p.m.

TO Racing Men.—Thoroughbred 3-year-old COLT, by Melos, broken to lead, no use. Macdonald, Ingleburn.

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DEAD HORSES and Cows Bought, highest price given. W. Tumeth, 6 Bank-st., Chippendale. T., 1881.

Wanted to Purchase.

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WANTED, the fourth (4th) Edition of the A.B.C. Cable CODE, in good order. H. CHISHOLM and CO., 60 Castlereagh-street.

TUTTON'S Tourist Agency, 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.; 18 Queen's-walk, Melb.; and 84 Queen-st., Brisbane.

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WANTED to Purchase, Walnut OVERMANTEL. Size and price to R. C., Enmore Post-office.

WANTED Rent or Buy, sec.-hand Chaffcutter, hand power. Ouce, O'Sullivan, Railway Hotel, Rookwood.

WANTED to Purchase, a medium Butcher's BLOCK. Apply 29 Abercrombie-st.

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AVOCA ESTATE, BONDI. LAND SALE TO-MORROW. See Auction Advertisement. Lithos HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

Auction Sales

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses and Harness. And at 11.30 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m.
TO BREWERS, MILLERS, HEAVY CARRIERS, AND OTHERS.
8 HIGH-CLASS EXTRA HEAVY DRAUGHT COLTS, bearing the celebrated AWI WEINHOLT BRAND.
Also 20 REALLY FIRST-CLASS HORSES, comprising Draughts, broken and unbroken, and good strong, active Van and Tradesman's Cart Horses, and strong Light Harness Descriptions.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. THOS. BOWRA, WERRIS CREEK, to sell by auction as above,
8 Extra Heavy Draught Colts, of the CELEBRATED AWI WEINHOLT BRAND, by imported sires from prize mares.
, The special attention of buyers requiring extra heavy Draught Horses is directed to the sale of the above favourite brand, as they are, without doubt, unequalled as yet.
Also, 20 very superior Heavy and active Draughts, broken and unbroken; also, first-class Merchants' Van and Delivery Horses, and some really good light harness descriptions.
BUYERS OF ALL CLASSES OF HORSES CAN WITH CONFIDENCE ATTEND THIS SALE, AS THE ANIMALS TO BE OFFERED ARE AN EXCEPTIONALLY USEFUL LOT.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30 P.M.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. N. A. Gatenby, Forbes, to sell by auction, as above,
10 heavy and medium Draughts and upstanding light Harness and Saddle Horses, broken and unbroken, described as a good lot.
On account of Messrs. TAYLOR and HODGES, Wallsend.
A very powerful Heavy Draught Grey Gelding, very quiet, and splendid worker, suitable for a brewer or heavy carrier, worthy of special notice.

PAIR OF DR. HORSES, 2 TIPCARTS, and HAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. Kelly to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Pair of Heavy Draught Black Geldings, well matched, work singly or together, any trial, suit a lorry; 2 Tipcarts and Harness.

4 HORSES, STAIRCASE OMNIBUS, AND HAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
4 staunch Harness Horses, Staircase Omnibus, in good repair, and Harness.

NEAT PONY SULKY LOT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Pony Gelding, 4 yrs., 13.1, quiet and reliable in harness, 3-spring Sulky and Harness, making a first-class turnout.

HANDSOME RICH CHESTNUT COB, 14 hands, Ralli Car (by Angus), and Harness, Carryall with canopy hood (by Hooker), also Reversible Park Phaeton, with leather hood (by Angus), almost new.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above, all of the best quality and finish.

Handsome BAY MARE, by Eiram; High-class B.M., 4-shaft SULKY and HARNESS, CARRYALL (by Angus), also SULKY with rubber tyres.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above first-class lots.

TO CAB PROPRIETORS, LIVERY STABLE KEEPERS, AND OTHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mrs. Ellis to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
A very superior Double Brougham, with pole and shafts, in perfect order, will carry four people comfortably inside.

SULKY, LADY'S SADDLE, CLOTHING, &c.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Tip-top Sulky, Lady's Saddle and Bridle, nearly new; also suit of Horse Clothing, Scalpers, Headstalls, and bridles.

2 RELIABLE PONIES, FROM BELMORE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Walter Darrietta to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Pony Mare } Both broken to saddle and harness, been driven by a lady.
Brown Pony Mare } One is a prizetaker.

FIRST-CLASS S. AND H. HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Harvey to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Chestnut Gelding, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness and accustomed to trams.

USEFUL HARNESS MARE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Mare, 16 hands, broken to single and double harness, fit for any light work.

3 HEAVY DR. GELDINGS and HACK.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
3 Heavy Draught Geldings, thoroughly staunch, any trial, also a first-class Hackney, all for sale Without Reserve.

2 S. and H. MARES.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. Hall to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
2 Mares, both broken to saddle, single and double harness.

THOROUGHBRED FILLY FROM MINTO.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. J. Cox, Minto, to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Chestnut Filly (silver mane and tail), 3 years, 15 hands, by Young Frisk from a well-known pony mare, untried.

RACING PONY "I.C."
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Hill to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
"I.C." bay mare, 14 hands, by Piscator, dam by Rupert, a good performer.

3 SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSES.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. Haynes to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Brown Mare, 6 yrs., Black Pony, 4 yrs., 11 hands, also Bay Gelding, 4 yrs., 15 hands, all broken to saddle and harness.

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30 miles by rail, 1 hour's journey from Sydney.
RAILWAY CATTLE SALEYARDS (next to Railway Station).
725 STORE, DAIRY, and YOUNG CATTLE. 725
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, DEC. 13th, at 1 o'clock sharp.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above,
700 Store, Dairy, and Young CATTLE, as under.
20 Superior DAIRY COWS, newly calved
25 choice Springers
40 young Dry Cows, in very forward condition
50 young Bullocks, 3 to 4 years
60 Steers, from 2 to 3 years
50 Heifers, from 2 to 3 years
70 mixed Steers and Heifers, from 18 months to 2 years.
1 purebred Hereford Bull, 5 years.
, All these cattle are in good condition, most of them only want topping up.
170 very choice Steers and Heifers, a number of the heifers being from prizetaking herds
100 superior Steers and Heifers, 18 months to 3 years
15 good Steers, about 2 years
25 Heifers and Steers, 1 to 2 years
50 Steers, 1½ to 2½ years
20 Heifers, 2 to 2½ years
30 Store Cows.
THE ABOVE LOTS ARE WHAT WE ARE POSITIVELY ADVISED OF.
TRAIN leaves Sydney for St. Marys on morning of Sale at 10.15, returning at 3.42 p.m. and 6.47 p.m.

CENTENNIAL PARK SUBDIVISION.—Cheap Sites, OVERLOOKING CENTENNIAL PARK. SALE ON THE GROUND, TO-MORROW. Call for Litho. RAINE and HORNE.

DALGETY and COMPANY, Limited, Selling Brokers, will sell by auction, on account of various clients, at the Sale Rooms, Macquarie-place, TO-DAY, Friday, at 10 o'clock, Sheepskins.
Consignments on view at 65 Macquarie-street North.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., Ltd., will sell by Public Auction, at the Royal Exchange, Bridge-street, THIS DAY (Friday), At 10 a.m., Sheepskins. At 1.30 p.m., Hides.

HIDES AND TALLOW.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30, Tallow.
And at 1 o'clock, Hides.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE CO., Ltd., will sell TO-DAY, at the Macquarie-place Sale Room, Sheepskins.

GEORGE H. Maxnam and Co. sell by auction, This Day, at Wool Exchange, Sheepskins, 11; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by auction at THEIR SALEROOM AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., Sucking Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, &c.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1.30, THIS DAY, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sale Yards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Sucking Pigs, Roll and Keg Butter, Honey, Lard, Eggs, Bacon, Cheese, Fruit, Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, 40cwt. prime Farm-fed Bacon (choice quality), Steel, pure Extracted Honey (very choice).

PRODUCE SALES.
SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
SHEEPSKINS.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10 a.m.
HIDES.—At 1.30 p.m.

CENTENNIAL PARK SUBDIVISION, TO-MORROW.—Cheap Home Sites for Tramway Employees, at 3 p.m. Call for Litho. RAINE and HORNE.

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THE FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS removed from a GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE at NEUTRAL BAY to the Rooms for convenience of sale, and on account of various vendors.
Comprising SEVERAL VERY FINE CARPETS, including An Extra Large-sized Carpet, Royal Axminster of the finest quality and in fine preservation, size 34ft. x 24ft.
HANDSOME APPOINTMENTS for TABLE USE, consisting of Cut Glass, Fine China, Cutlery, and Electroplate.
COMPLETE SUITE OF DINING-ROOM FURNITURE of Modern Design, made of LIGHT OAK, supplied by Messrs. DAVID JONES and CO., consisting of Handsome Sideboard (most conveniently constructed and highly finished, size 4ft. 6in.), Overmantel, Telescope Dining Table (size 6ft.), and Suite of Eight Dining Chairs.
BOLDLY DESIGNED WALNUT SIDEBOARD, size 6ft.
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HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM SUITES. OCCASIONAL TABLES and CHAIRS. ELEGANT OVERMANTELS. VALUABLE PICTURES, CHOICE ORNAMENTS.
A SUPERB RONISCH PIANOFORTE, LATEST FULL UPRIGHT GRAND MODEL, in Magnificent ITALIAN WALNUT and GOLD CASE, equal to new, COST 105 GUINEAS.
Also, A SEMI-GRAND PIANOFORTE, by ERARD. TWO UPRIGHT PIANOFORTES (Wilmer and Hapburg).
VALUABLE BLUTHNER PIANOFORTE.
HIGHLY FINISHED BEDROOM SUITE, consisting of Large Wardrobe Beaconsfield Design, size 6ft., and Pair 4ft. Toilets, and SEVERAL SUITES FOR MINOR BEDROOMS, of superior manufacture.
A VERY HANDSOME DOUBLE BEDSTEAD, black enamelled and brass, half-tester design, size 6ft. 6in. x 5ft., together with superior double-wove Spring Mattress and finest quality English Curled Horsehair Mattress, made in three sections, and SEVERAL OTHER BEDSTEADS, Double and Single, furnished complete.
KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES. THE PHOENIX PATENT TWO-ROLLER MANGLE, nearly new, &c., &c.
Also, TWO EXQUISITELY CARVED INDIAN WOOD CHAIRS and TWO CARVED INDIAN TABLES, Moorish design, all hand carved.
On Account of a Gentleman leaving for England, A FIRST-CLASS DOUBLE BARRELLED GUN, by S. W. Berry, and A MILITARY SADDLE.
INVOICE OF PERFUMERY.
A PIGEON TRAP AND ABOUT 100 CLAY PIGEONS.
SEVERAL BICYCLES.
A VERY FINE COLUMBIA PHONOGRAPH, with 38 Records, large Funnel and Brass Stand.
JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD., WILL SELL BY AUCTION, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE, AT THE ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, as above.

CENTENNIAL PARK SUBDIVISION, Midway between Tramsheds, Randwick, and Waverley.—FOR SALE, ON THE GROUND, TO-MORROW. Call for Litho. RAINE and HORNE.

THIS DAY. THIS DAY.
On the Premises, 16 RUSH-STREET, PADDINGTON. THE CONTENTS of a 4-ROOMED HOUSE.
BAMBOO DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, 7 pieces; GILT PIER-GLASS, Bamboo Table and Secretary, Oilcloth, Pictures, &c.; Aust. Chairs, TABLES, SIDEBOARD, 2 4ft. 6in. H.T. BEDSTEADS, BEDDING, and BED CLOTHING, COMBINATION CHESTS, M.T. WASHSTANDS and WARE, KITCHEN DRESSER, TABLE, POTS, PANS, &c.
V. H. KELSON, late DALWOOD and CO., Ltd., has received instructions to sell, WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247a Pitt-street,
The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. D. Collins, of the London Mont de Piete Loan Office, 65 Oxford-street.
At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.
At 12.30, Sundries of every description.
At 2 o'clock, Jewellery, consisting of Gold and Silver Lever and Waltham Watches, Single-stone and Half-hoop Diamond Rings, Gold Alberts, Muff Chains, Fobs, Links, &c., Diamond Brooches, Earrings, Pins, and Bangles, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

To the Residents of Rockdale and District.
AUCTION SALE, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 2.30 o'clock, on the premises, Ercildoun, Gibbs-street, off Bryant-street, Rockdale.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. PIANOFORTE in Walnut Frame, by Aucher.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from Mrs. Henderson (who is relinquishing housekeeping) to sell by auction, as above.

ON THURSDAY, 18th Dec., J. P. LISTER will sell by auction, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with MORRIS FRANKS, 3 Botany-road, Waterloo:—1902.—January—1, coral ring; 18th, a wtch 6,20, a wtch 28444895. March—4, a wtch and chain 269609, g a wtch 82; 15th, opal pin and trinket; 17th, a medal, o l wtch, g a wtch 211024; 10th, a ring; 31st, band ring. April—2nd, 2 rings, ring set stone, w ring; 9th, a wtch 18145; 10th, cable bangle and w ring; 21st, r g wtch; 30th, 1 g o l wtch. May—5th, g a wtch 65610; 14th, g stone ring; 19th, ring "Selena"; 26th, 1 d ring, wtch and chain 276730; 29th, band ring. June—5th, a ring; 7th, 1 s wtch 30958; 9th, w ring. July—19th, mach. December, 1901—Mach top 11938341. September—1st, Suit. August 18th, 8th, December 29th, suits. August—13th, 2 pr trs. June—9th, dress, clocks, musical instrument, &c. And a large quantity of clothing on which 5s and under has been lent.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
On the Premises, Gowle Cottage, EDGEWARE-ROAD, ENMORE.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION of THE VERY SUPERIOR FURNITURE, PIANO, and EFFECTS, comprising—
DINING-ROOM SUITE, IN ROANS
HANDSOME SIDEBOARD, size 4ft.; HALLSTAND
WALNUT OVERMANTELS, superior designs
Brass-mounted FENDERS and BRASSES, Pictures
Fils and Kidder CARPETS, LINOS., and Matting
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, Occasional Chairs in Rattan and Rush, Fancy Tables
Handsome 4-fold Screen, Cornice Pole, &c.
SWEET-TONED COTTAGE PIANO
3 Brass-mtd. BEDSTEADS, best Wires, and Kapok
Large Cedar DUCHESS CHEST and Washstand to match, Superior Toiletware, S.W. Combination Chest and M.T. Washstand, Commode, Embossed Austrian Chairs, Linen Press
GLASS-DOOR DRESSER, Scales and Weights, Kitchen Utensils in enamel, &c.; Laundry Requirements, &c., &c.
JOHN J. PITT will sell as above.
*** The whole of the Furnishings are nearly new, and will be sold without reserve.

TO THE IRONMONGERY TRADE, DEALERS, and OTHERS.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.
At 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.
ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE CONCERNED.
Now Landing.
25 CASES ENAMELLED HOLLOWARE, in Stewpans, Saucepans, Pie Dishes, Basins, Mugs, Plates, Teapots, Kettles, Jugs, Chambers, Billy Cans, &c.
Also, 2 CASES MOSLEY'S CUTLERY, 78 E.P. 12 BREECH-LOADING GUNS, 12 BORE. AMERICAN HATCHETS, HAMMERS, &c., &c.
A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell as above, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, December 12, at 11 o'clock sharp.

BEST BUILDING SITE IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.
RISING TOWN OF ST. MARY'S.
TO SPECULATORS, BUSINESS MEN, and Others.
ALFRED COLLESS has received instructions from Mrs. Hannington to sell by public auction, on the Ground, at the corner of Queen's-street, King-street, and Victoria-road, St. Marys, on SATURDAY, 13th December, at 3 p.m. sharp,
That choice elevated Building Site, with enormous frontages to Victoria-road, Queen's-street, and King-street; a splendidly elevated position, containing 2 acres 2 roods and 26 perches.
All the traffic to and out of St. Marys passes this lot, which can be recommended in every way.
Train leaves Sydney at 1.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th, at 3 o'clock.
GEO. P. BAINES sells next Post-office, Parramatta-rd., nr. Crystal-st., Petersham, Cor. Iron, Lining Bds., Oregon, Battens, Studs, Bds., H.W., 8 and 4 x 2, 4 x 1½.

CENTENNIAL PARK SUBDIVISION, TO-MORROW.—Cheap Home Sites for Tramway Employees, at 3 p.m. Call for Litho. RAINE and HORNE.

DON'T FORGET.—AVOCA ESTATE, Bondi, Auction Sale TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, on the Ground, 70 Choice Lots. Plans at HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

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JEWELLERY.
THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock sharp, AT THE MART, 190 PITT-STREET.
OPEN and DISPLAYED SALE by AUCTION,
CONTINENTAL JEWELLERY,
SPECIALLY SELECTED for the XMAS SEASON, comprising—
GOLD MUFF CHAINS and TRINKETS, NECKLETS
NECKLETS with Pendants, NECKLETS with Charms
BROOCHES in Latest Fashionable Designs
Plain Polished Gold and Cable BANGLES
Single and Double Watch CHAINS
Gold Studs, Links, and Scarf Pins
Ladies' and Gent.'s Gold WATCHES.
SILVER PRESENTATION NOVELTIES in PURSES, CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES and HOLDERS
MATCHBOXES, Umbrella and Walking-stick HANDLES
WHISTLES, CHARMS, &c., &c.
and WITH ALL FAULTS, ex SOLINGEN,
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CENTENNIAL PARK SUBDIVISION, TO-MORROW, at 3 p.m. Close to the Randwick Tramsheds. Call for Litho. RAINE and HORNE.

AT OUR SALEROOM, 18 BRIDGE-STREET, SYDNEY.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1902, at 2.30 p.m. SHARP, under instructions from Messrs. GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., and Messrs. GOLLIN and CO. PROPTY., Ltd.
500 PACKAGES CEYLON TEA. 310 PACKAGES INDIAN TEA.
H. W. CAREY AND CO., Tea Brokers, &c., Queensland-chambers, 18 Bridge-street, Sydney. Samples "on show," and Catalogues at our saleroom as above.

THIS DAY, December 12th, at 2.30 p.m. At the Central Auction Rooms, 274 Pitt-street. STOCK-IN-TRADE OF CLOTHING. Men's and Women's Clothing, Men's Suits, Ladies' Dresses, Underclothing, Boots, &c.
A. G. JENKINS has been instructed to sell as above, THIS AFTERNOON.
A good clean lot, well worth the attention of the trade and private buyers.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at half-past 2.
CONTINUATION SALE OF ASSORTED DRAPERY. In the Assigned Estate of F. MESSITTER.
WILLIAM T. GIBB, by the kind permission of Mr. J. J. PITT, will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 417 Pitt-street, The Balance of the Stock in the above Estate.
WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

CECIL and CO. are favoured with instructions from Mr. THOMAS to sell by Auction, on the premises, No. 2 Union-street, close to Erskineville-road, Newtown, THIS FRIDAY, at eleven o'clock sharp, The STOCK-IN-TRADE of a GROCER, &c. Also excellent PIANO, by Eigenrac. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. The lot must be cleared. Salesmen's Office: 84 Elizabeth-street.

THIS DAY, at 2.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, new and s.h. Clothing, Boots, Bed Linen, Blankets, Drapery, Furn., &c. No res.

IN A DECEASED ESTATE.—THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock. Double-barrel Breech-loading Gun, Riding Boots, Bridle, Stable Implements, Quantity of Harness, Furniture, Pictures, Clothing, Boots, &c.
H. LEVY will sell by Auction at 135 REGENT-STREET, without Reserve.

CENTENNIAL PARK SUBDIVISION.—Cheap Sites, OVERLOOKING CENTENNIAL PARK. SALE ON THE GROUND, TO-MORROW. Call for Litho. RAINE and HORNE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
ORDER OF SALE
SHARES, CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
SHARES.—Civil Service Co-operative Society of N. S. Wales.
CITY.—Splendid Corner Block, Oxford and Crown streets, together with the Five Business Premises thereon. Executors' Sale.
CITY.—House and Cottage, Nos. 50 and 52 Foveaux-street; and Cottage, No. 41 Little Belmore-street, at rear.
CITY.—Two Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 205 and 205½ Devonshire-street, near Riley-street. Executors' Sale.
CITY.—Two Cottages, Nos. 49 and 51 Howard-street, off George-street West, and Land, May-street, with stabling thereon, in one or more lots. Executors' Sale.
CITY.—Brick Cottage, Howard-street, off George-street West. Executors' Sale.
CITY.—Cottage, No. 15 Athlone-place, off George-street West. Executors' Sale.
CITY.—Block of Land, Athlone-place and Owen-street, with two Houses thereon. Executors' Sale.
PADDINGTON.—House, No. 14 Napier-street, east of Dowling-street. Mortgagee's Sale.
FOREST LODGE.—Six Houses, Nos. 226 to 236 Pyrmont Bridge-road, LEASEHOLD, corner of Junction-street.
DITTO.—Six Houses, Nos. 232 to 247 Hereford-street, corner of Wood-street. Mortgagee's Sale.
DITTO.—Cottage, No. 3 Creek-street.
NEWTOWN.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 447 King-street, opposite Abel and Co.'s.
DARLING POINT.—Seven Sites, Beach-road, Glenhurst Estate, in lots.
BONDI.—Large Residence, Mamhead, Old South Head-road.
NEWTOWN.—Allotment, Salisbury-street, West Kingston Estate.
PENSHURST.—Residence, Ithiel, and 1½ acres, Inverness-avenue, close to railway station. Imperative Sale.
LONGUEVILLE.—Block of Land, Mary-street, Wharf-road, and waters of Lane Cove River.
NORTH BOTANY.—Allotment, M'Intosh-street, near Botany-road.
LEICHHARDT.—Four Cottages, Nos. 27 to 33 Halloran-street, near Catherine-street.
ASHFIELD.—Corner Lot, Arthur and Hampden streets.
MANLY.—Various Lots, Pittwater-road (at tram terminus), Brighton Estate.
SOUTH CREEK.—Spotted Dog Farm of 216 acres, fronting South Creek and two roads. Mortgagee's Sale.
MOUNT VICTORIA.—Block of 5 acres 2r. 13½p., Eltham Park Estate; and Allotment, Station-road, with wooden building thereon.
TEMPE.—Various Allotments, Campbell, Wentworth, Unwin, and Nicholson streets, village of Tempe.
MACDONALDTOWN.—Allotment, George-street.
ARNCLIFFE.—Allotments, Kelsey-street.
HURSTVILLE.—Allotment, West-street.
AUBURN.—Allotments, Gibbs street, with wooden dwelling thereon.
GOSFORD.—Allotment, Mann-street, next Police Station.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

CENTENNIAL PARK SUBDIVISION, TO-MORROW, at 3 p.m. Close to the Randwick Tramsheds. Call for Litho. RAINE and HORNE.

TO INVESTORS, SPECULATORS, BOATINGMEN, AND OTHERS.
POINT CLARE,
on both sides of POINT CLARE RAILWAY STATION and in close proximity to GOSFORD, and near WOY WOY. On the Estate are erected 7 COTTAGES, 6 of which are FURNISHED, and always let to first-class tenants.
RETURNS ABOUT £650 PER AN.
The Land comprises an area of 53 acres; about half has been subdivided into ACRE BLOCKS RIGHT at POINT CLARE STATION.
LARGE WATER FRONTAGE TO BRISBANE WATER.
HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, 18th December, at 11.30, at their Salerooms, 283 GEORGE-STREET, above VALUABLE ESTATE.
N.B.—SPECIAL ATTENTION is called to this Valuable WATER FRONTAGE PROPERTY, and 6 of the COTTAGES are FULLY FURNISHED, and the Furniture will be sold with the property; also Boats, &c.

CHATSWOOD.
HOPETOUN ESTATE,
having frontages to GORDON-ROAD, GORDON-AVENUE, and HOPETOUN-AVENUE, adjoining the Bowling Green, close to Chatswood Park and Chatswood Railway Station. 36 BUSINESS and RESIDENTIAL SITES. The BEST POSITION in the DISTRICT.
TITLE, TORRENS. EASY TERMS.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, at 3.30 p.m. the above VALUABLE ESTATE.
N.B.—Those requiring the BEST RESIDENTIAL and BUSINESS SITES in CHATSWOOD, WAIT for this IMPORTANT SALE.
Plans on application.

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ROLL-TOP BOOKCASE and Writing Cabinet Combined, £7 10s; 2 Singer's Oscillating Shuttles, £4 10s and £5 respectively; Tete-a-tete Walnut. Second-hand Furniture galore. 154 Oxford-street, Darlinghurst.

THRICE I MARRIED MARY.

BY JOHN OXENHAM.

CHAPTER XIX.—Continued.

We looked in at Bordighera, and San Remo, and Porto Maurizio, and ran aground in Oneglia harbour, but got off without damage, and went on to Alassio, and then to Savona, and so to Genoa.

I could dwell at very great length on the delights of those supreme days, when we all went ashore in the gig, and Boulot was always under our feet in the stern, for he hated the water, and he always had to be dragged out and carried ashore by main force. And as soon as his feet touched earth he scudded away up the beach as fast as his stumpy legs would carry him, scattering the spectators like a live bombshell, and exciting their very free and open comments on his looks. It was at such times that Paul and Virginie delighted to trot out their intimacy with the ferocious one, and earn from the innocent onlookers a quite undeserved reputation for courage, by the way they bullied and handled him.

For Mary and myself those were golden days indeed, days of unalloyed happiness and very great content. I was convinced in my own mind that the di Ricci matter was a myth conjured up by Flore de Soveral for the troubling of our enjoyment, and I put it aside and trampled on it and kicked it overboard before we reached Nice, and laughed to myself at the failure of her scheme.

And so we reached Genoa, and to my satisfaction, though somewhat to my surprise, the Poste Restante yielded me no letter from Lestorque. I learned afterwards that a sudden development of his other case had called him away at a moment's notice to Algiers.

From Genoa, the whole party, including Boulot and his master, went up to Milan, where lived the lawyer who could give us all the facts concerning the di Ricci family affairs. Ellen had been once to his office, and remembered where it was, but she could not recall his name. The morning after our arrival, accordingly, while the rest of the party went to climb the roof of the Cathedral, Mrs. di Ricci and I set out for the Piazza della Scala, and diligently scrutinised many names there till she set her finger on one, "Sr. Giuseppe Crespi," and said, "That is the name, I thought I should know it if I saw it."

We went upstairs to Signor Crespi's office, and in due course were admitted to his presence.

He was an exceedingly fine looking old man with a leonine head and a mane of long silky white hair waving off a high white forehead. Fortunately he spoke French comfortably, and had even a little English. Ellen of course spoke Italian, but for my benefit the conversation was carried on mostly in French.

"Do you not remember me, Signor Crespi?" she asked, and the old man regarded her carefully and thoughtfully.

"In truth I remember your face, Madame," he said politely, "but I see so very many faces, and it must be some time since, some years, I think—"

"You were present when I was married."

"Of course. You are the Princess Paul of Rocca-brune. I remember perfectly. Since Madame went abroad we have not met I think—"

He seemed somewhat stiff and afraid of venturing far in conversation. Knowing as he probably did more of the affairs of the house than most, he had evidently no desire to get out of his depth till he knew how the tide was running.

"And in what way can I be of service to Madame?" he asked presently.

"My husband is dead—" Ellen began.

"Ah! the Prince Paul is dead?"—Here at all events was solid foundation. He became more approachable at once.

"Yes, he died about a month ago in England. This gentleman is my brother-in-law, Mr. Gilbert. He will give you the details and the proofs. I have come, chiefly on behalf of my children, to claim their rights, whatever they may be."

"I see," said the old gentleman, "and the children—?"

"They are twins, eight years old—Paul and Virginie. They are at the Grand with friends."

"We have received no official intimation of Prince Paul's death—" he said to me.

"Quite likely not. As you are probably aware, Signor Crespi," I said, "Prince Paul outside his own country went generally under his family name—di Ricci. He was killed by accidentally falling over a cliff in a remote part of Devonshire, and as he was there known only by the name of di Ricci, his relatives here may probably be still unaware of his death. Here, however, are certified copies of certain depositions in the matter, which are no doubt all that you require."

He read them very slowly and carefully.

"You, I see, Mr. Gilbert, were present at the time of the accident."

"I was."

"And I gather that the body could not be found."

"That is so. He fell down a chasm not ten feet wide and over two hundred feet deep, and he would probably strike the sides half-a-dozen times between the top and the bottom. He must have been dead long before he reached the sea."

"And this other gentleman—Dr. Coffin?"

"Dr. Coffin is one of the best known men in Devonshire. He is a justice of the peace—a kind of magistrate, you know—and a man of very high standing."

He nodded and said, "I have heard nothing from Prince Paul for several months. He used to communicate with me when he was in need of money, which indeed was always a very pressing need with him, for the income from the estates is not a very large one. I heard some time since of some great success he had had at Monte Carlo, and not hearing from him of late I supposed that he must have repeated it."

Then he relapsed into thoughtfulness, during which his clerk brought in the name of another caller on a slip of paper.

"Would you favour us with your company at dinner to-night, Signor Crespi?" I suggested. "No doubt you would like to think things over, and then we could discuss matters en famille."

"I shall be very happy," he said. "The Grand, I think you said, Monsieur. That if I remember rightly is seven-thirty."

"Yes," I said, "seven-thirty," and we bade him good-bye, and went along to the square to follow the rest up to the roof of the Cathedral.

As we passed through the Victor Emmanuel Gallery we came on M. Vaurel and Boulot inspecting the shop windows. The custodians of the Cathedral had, peremptorily as was only natural, and with much alarm, declined to admit Boulot within the sacred precincts, and had even used uncomplimentary epithets comparing him with the devil. So Vaurel decided to stop down below also, and was treating his friend to peeps into all the shop windows. Whenever his master stopped to inspect, Boulot reared himself up on his hind legs and put his front paws on the window ledge, and surveyed the contents with an expression of the most ineffable disdain, just such a look as one could imagine on the face of a duchess looking into the shop windows of Drury Lane.

When we came upon them they were examining the portraits of some of the danseuses at La Scala, and Boulot's nose was quivering with disgust. Unless I am very much mistaken he had been suggesting an adjournment to the restaurant at the corner, where his master could have a quiet smoke and he, Boulot, would certainly acquire bones, for whenever Boulot went he excited comment, and not infrequently propitiatory offerings analogous to the votive offerings of distressed sailors "for safe deliverance from great peril."

As Ellen had been up the Duomo and had no great liking for the many steps, she offered to bear Boulot company while we went up. So we left her in his charge and followed the beaten track so rapidly, in order to catch up our advance party, that our guide could hardly keep up with us, and panted objurgations as we nipped short all his patter and bustled him along and through and up and down, till we came upon them standing all in a bunch gazing at the distant ring of snowy peaks.

I explained briefly to the elders the result of our visit to the lawyer, and then asked Virginie what she thought of the Cathedral.

"It is larger than Broadworthy Church," she said very positively, "and I don't think Mr. Penacre could make himself heard in it, and I'm quite sure old Mrs. Hale couldn't keep it as clean as she does Broadworthy."

(To be Continued.)

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CARRIAGE OF NEWSPAPERS.

EVIDENCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

POINTS ABOUT THE LEGAL ASPECT.

THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL EXAMINED.

CONTENTS BILLS WERE PROPERLY SENT.

THE RAILWAY ARRANGEMENT MORALLY RIGHT.

The Parliamentary Select Committee appointed to inquire into the carriage of newspapers on Government railways held another sitting yesterday, when Mr. Hugh Pollock, the Solicitor-General, was further examined. Mr. A. Griffith, M.L.A., was in the chair, and the other members of the committee present were Messrs. Dacey, Hollis, Hogue, and J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M's.L.A. Mr. S. Cook (general manager of the "Sydney Morning Herald"), and Mr. Watkin Wynne (general manager of the "Daily Telegraph"), were present by permission of Parliament, and had power to examine witnesses. When the committee last sat Mr. Cook was examining the witness, and he now continued his examination.

Mr. Cook: From the evidence you have already given I gathered that your minute, which I quoted at our last meeting, was intended to deal only with the question as to whether the State rights of New South Wales had been infringed by the Postmaster-General in such a way as to justify a protest on the part of the State Government?—Yes; my minute was confined absolutely to that point. That was the only point considered.

My contention was that the act of the Postmaster-General in withdrawing the payment of £2500 a year previously made for the carriage of newspaper parcels was an infringement of the right of this State. You doubted whether from the purely legal standpoint that contention could be maintained?—I think I went further than that; I said it could not be maintained. If you like, I doubted it.

When you read that minute you had no knowledge of the circumstances which led to the arrangement in accordance with which that money was paid?—I said before I had no knowledge of the Cabinet minute to which you directed my attention last sitting.

Before asking you to look at the matter from another point of view, and in the light of the minute, I wish to ask you a few questions regarding the minute made by the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, dated March 24. In that minute the Attorney-General says:—"I cannot add anything to the minute of the Solicitor-General written for the information of the Premier on January 9 last. The arrangement by which the New South Wales Postal authorities paid £2500 a year to the Railway Commissioners for the carriage of newspapers which were not posted does not necessarily relate to the business of a post-office. The arrangement made by the New South Wales Post Office was, as the Solicitor-General has already advised, of doubtful legality, and would furnish no ground for a protest by the State against the action of the Commonwealth in declining to continue it." Do you know whether when that minute was written the Attorney-General had any knowledge of the circumstances connected with the transmission of newspaper parcels by rail?—I cannot say.

Is it probable that he did not know that it was an arrangement legally made for the purpose of promoting the convenience of the Postal Department, the press, and the public?—I cannot tell.

Would not the statement in the minute lose force if it could be shown that the arrangement was made, not by the Postal Department but by the Government for the purpose of carrying out more efficiently and economically the provisions of the Newspaper Postal Abolition Act?—I cannot say what view the Attorney-General would take about any of those circumstances.

But you see the Attorney-General echoes, in fact, the observations made by you. I think it is a reasonable question to ask you whether you know that when he made this statement he was acquainted with the circumstances under which the newspaper parcels were carried by rail?—I cannot tell you, because I do not know.

If it could be shown that the course taken by the Postmaster-General deprived the New South Wales newspapers of the right of free postage at the only time that it would be of any value to them would you not consider that such was an interference with State rights as to warrant a protest by the State Government?

The Chairman: I can see no use in putting suppositious cases of that sort.

Mr. Cook: You have certain documents in evidence which point in a certain direction, and I submit I am entitled to ascertain whether assuming that the circumstances were otherwise it would be likely to have led to a different conclusion.

The Chairman: You might just as well ask if a man robbed you of £1000 would he be a criminal.

Mr. Cook: I do not see that the cases are analogous.

The Chairman: No witness ought to be asked to give an answer on a suppositious case. It would not be evidence. The witness is here to answer definite matters of law and fact.

Mr. Cook: I think it is a very important thing to know. This opinion seems to have been given upon insufficient evidence.

The Chairman: That is all right. "If an interference took place and the papers were prevented from being distributed at a certain hour, would it be so and so?" That is not evidence. His opinion on that would be of no value to the committee.

Mr. Dacey: The question seems to be whether the Postal Act provides for that.

The Chairman: I am not desirous of stopping you in eliciting an opinion, but I cannot allow every witness to put suppositions and ask questions on them.

Mr. Cook: I think the question I put is a fair one. I asked whether during the continuance of free postage an order was given to withdraw the sum for the carriage of newspapers at a time when the carriage of newspapers could be of use to anyone that would be practically a breach of the provisions of the Free Postage Act. Did it not, in fact, put the proprietors of the newspapers in a position unequal to that of other newspapers in the State; did it not, as a matter of fact, deprive them of a right which they possessed under the Act?

The Chairman: Ask the witness if some specific Act was or was not illegal.

Mr. Fitzpatrick: A misconception has arisen through Mr. Cook using the word "if." It did really occur.

The Chairman: The witness said he had not that document.

Witness: If I might make a suggestion would it not be better to produce the document and ask a question on it?

Mr. Cook: The Attorney-General then said, "I still consider that up to the present there has been no attempt by the federal authorities to decline to carry newspapers by post free of charge though the Act which authorises newspapers to be carried through the post without charge has been repealed." Now you know that notwithstanding the Postal Act had been passed the rates and charges remained in force?—The passing of the Postal Act was not to make any difference in the rates that were to be charged for postage on letters and newspapers until the Postal Rates Act was passed. What I wish to emphasise is that the action of the Postmaster-General deprived the Sydney morning papers of free carriage by the only trains which were of any use to them for a portion of their circulation, but the Postmaster-General allowed unrestricted free carriage of newspapers to continue in Tasmania and Western Australia. In these circumstances, do you not think we were justified in appealing to the Government for redress?—I know nothing about the carriage of newspapers in Western Australia or Tasmania, and, therefore, can express no opinion on that question.

There was unrestricted use of the railways in those two States. In New South Wales there was a direct interference which prevented the newspapers using the railways for a portion of their issues at the only time that the carriage would be of any value. Therefore, were they not treated differently, and were not the newspaper proprietors of New South Wales justified in asking the Premier to make a formal protest?—Without knowing under what local conditions the newspapers were carried in Western Australia and Tasmania, I cannot answer your question.

It has been stated that there was not any alteration of the rate but only of the method. If the method were changed in such a manner as to impose payment while free carriage remained the law of the State was that not equivalent to an alteration of the rate?—In your question there is an assumption of law which I do not know is correct, therefore I do not answer it.

You do not deny that there was no alteration of the rate but only of the method. That is in evidence. If there was such alteration and if the alteration of the method was such as to prevent the newspapers using the railways as aforetime was that not equivalent to an alteration of the rate?

The Chairman: I will tell the witness not to answer that question if you preface it with "if."

Mr. Cook: Do you mean that I am not to ask the witness for his opinion on certain sets of circumstances and differences of statement?

The Chairman: Ask his opinion on questions of fact, but not of supposition.

Mr. Cook: I am asking whether he is acquainted with the fact.

The Chairman: He is here to answer as to whether something done was legal or illegal.

Mr. Cook: In New South Wales the right of sending parcels of newspapers by rail by the early morning trains without charge was summarily put a stop to by the Postmaster-General.

Mr. Dacey: I submit the question should be put to the witness as to whether there was any statute authority to carry these papers free by rail outside the Post Office.

Mr. Cook: All authority is not statute authority.

Mr. Wynne: And I submit there is a statute authority.

Mr. Cook: I am going to show that directly. But I will not press these questions. In the next paragraph of the Attorney-General's minute he says: "From the letter of the Agent-General, dated February 7, it is clear that arrangements similar to these under consideration are entered into between newspaper proprietors and the railway companies. I see no legal reason why that cannot be done in this State." Do you (witness) know that free postage of newspapers does not exist in England?—I do not know whether free postage of newspapers exists by law in England.

But you know that it did in New South Wales when the minute was written?—Yes.

He implies that the newspapers can do everything that is necessary by making arrangements with the Railway Department, the same as is done in England. Why should the newspapers have had to make arrangements with the railway authorities when provision was made for the carriage of these papers free by railway in accordance with the Newspaper Postage Abolition Act?

Mr. Dacey: Mr. Pollock has denied that there is any such provision in the Act. He said these papers were not sent or carried by post.

Mr. Cook: Witness said his opinion related only to the obligation of the Government to protest against the breach of State rights.

The Chairman: I want Mr. Cook to get an answer, but he is surely not going to ask Mr. Pollock for an opinion on the administration of the department or its policy.

Mr. Cook: That department has said, and the minute of the department is on record, that the newspaper proprietors could have done a certain thing. Presumedly if they had done that thing there would have been no cause of complaint. I am entitled to ask why the proprietors should be called upon to do a certain thing.

Witness: You are assuming that the law does provide that. The position is this: At the time that the Federal Government declined to carry out the arrangements which had been heretofore in force in New South Wales with regard to the carriage of newspapers by the morning trains, the law provided that if newspapers were posted they should be carried free of charge. Absolutely no doubt about that at all. At the time my minute was written I did not know that there had been any minute written by the Cabinet. My attention was directed to that last time I was before the committee. I believe there is some question as to whether or not that is a Cabinet minute, but it does not make the slightest difference in law as to what I am going to say. That Cabinet minute suggested that the provisions of the Newspaper Postage Act, 1873, should be extended to circumstances which were not included in that Act. The Newspaper Postage Act of 1873 contemplated and enacted that all newspapers which were sent by post should go free of postage. But the minute contemplates that newspapers which are not sent by post should be transmitted by railway into the country without charge to anyone. That arrangement is perfectly constitutional; there is no illegality in it whatever. It depends on whether Parliament will vote the money year by year for that particular purpose. It has not the effect of an Act of Parliament for several reasons. First of all, the arrangements can be put an end to at any time by the Government of the day not putting the money on the Estimates or by the House not voting the money, and, as a matter of law, it can be put an end to by the Government of the day, even if the House does vote the money. Any newspaper carried under these circumstances cannot be considered to be carried under the Newspaper Postage Act. In other words, the effects of conditions which are attached to documents of any description carried by post under the provisions of an Act of Parliament cannot be extended by a minute of the Executive to documents which are not carried under the Postal Act. Summing up, the free carriage of newspapers by post, which is provided by an Act of Parliament, could not have been put an end to by the Federal Government without a breach of State rights; but the arrangement by which certain newspapers carried by train, which do not go through the Post Office, could be put an end to at any moment by the Federal Government, simply because they were carried by the executive part of the Government in that particular way and not by the provisions of the statute.

Mr. Wynne: But a perfectly legal arrangement?—Absolutely, until it was put an end to.

Mr. Wynne: As soon as the opportunity is afforded me I will be able to show you that it was not put an end to.

Mr. Cook: Section 3 of the 1867 Postal Act is, "The Governor with the advice aforesaid may from time to time make regulations for the establishment and management of post offices, and the receipt, despatch, carriage, and delivery of letters, packets, and newspapers, and for the conduct and guidance of all postmasters and other officers and servants of the Post Office." Would you regard that word "may" as being equivalent to "shall"? Would you regard it as mandatory or as simply enabling?—Strictly legally it would be only enabling, but for all practical purposes it would be mandatory.

Regulations under the Act were published in 1874, and regulation 10 is, "No post-office to be removed from one site to another without permission from the head of the department." Is that equivalent to saying that it could be removed with the permission of the head of the department?—I should not say so.

In the second section of the Newspaper Postal Abolition Act was it not provided that newspapers might be put into any "pillar, place, or other receptacle"?—The word "place" means the same sort of thing as a post-office or a post-pillar. You cannot separate "place" from "pillar," but if you could it would be the same as postal place.

The Chairman: The word "place" could not mean the Redfern railway station generally?—Certainly not.

Mr. Cook: Could it not mean some place at the Redfern railway station?—Yes.

In regard to the actual appointment of the Sydney railway station as a place for the reception of mails, will you look at the evidence given by Mr. Dalgarno? Are you prepared to say that the action of the Government in directing that the newspapers be sent there for carriage by rail was not perfectly legal?—Perfectly legal, but it did not mean that they were posted under the Postal Act. It was perfectly legal for the Government to make an arrangement to carry these newspapers free of charge by the railway trains, but the arrangement need not bring them in any sense under the Postal Act.

Mr. Dacey: If it was in contravention to the Postal Act, would it be legal?

Mr. Wynne: What is the use of putting suppositious cases? (Laughter).

The Chairman: Quite right.

Mr. Cook: There is no doubt it was legal?—To take the vote of Parliament, certainly.

Do you think that in this arrangement there is anything to justify these charges against the proprietors who availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by Parliament and the Government? Is there anything in it that you can see that makes the proprietors privy to or party to any fraud on the public revenue?

Mr. Dacey: The evidence has got to show whether that is so or not.

Witness: I know of no charges made or evidence given outside what I have read in the morning papers, so that my opinion on that would be absolutely valueless. If you put this question to me, "Is there anything wrong in the newspaper press availing themselves of the arrangement made by the Government to send their newspapers free by train under the conditions under which they have sent them?" I say I know of nothing which makes that either morally or legally wrong. It is an absolutely justifiable thing to do.

Mr. Cook: Thank you, Mr. Pollock; I have nothing more to ask you.

EXAMINED BY MR. WYNNE.

Mr. Wynne: Are you in a position to deny what Mr. Dalgarno says—that the railway station was legally appointed a place for the receipt of mail matter for newspapers according to arrangement or otherwise?

Mr. Dacey: I submit the authority for opening these places must be produced.

Mr. Wynne: Authority! It was appointed by custom; you cannot produce a custom.

Mr. Dacey: I do not care. I have documentary evidence that it was appointed by the Minister for Works.

Mr. Wynne: Nothing of the kind. It was appointed by the Postmaster-General.

The Chairman: I think the question is a fair one.

Witness: The contract contemplated by this Cabinet minute is a contract for the carriage of newspapers which could not have been made under the Postal Act.

Mr. Wynne: That is to say unless they were in the post. Can you give me a definition of what is "in the post?" In none of our Acts is there any definition of what is called "posting." In the absence of any definition probably it would be fair to turn to the Commonwealth Act for one?—I should not think that would be a fair way of doing it.

What would be a fair way of defining what is "in the post"?—The Act contemplates that certain places shall be established for the receipt of letters, newspapers, and parcels which are sent by post. I think I am right in saying that the appointment of such places shall be by proclamation under this Act.

Mr. Wynne: Mr. Dalgarno says that the Act does not say so.

Witness: If it is not done by notice in the "Gazette" the places would have to be common to every person who liked to post there.

Mr. Wynne: Mr. Dalgarno says the Government was quite within its right in appointing places for the posting of certain specific things.—Only for the carriage of those things which were contemplated by the Postal Act.

He says that the arrangement with the Railway Commissioners was that they were to carry only newspapers which were entitled to free transmission by post, but if any newspapers were sent to the railways not entitled to free transmission the Postal Department refused to allow the railways to carry them.—That is in evidence.

Mr. Dacey: The Postal Department has no knowledge of what the Railway Department carried. That was the trouble.

Mr. Wynne: It would be better to let us get through the thing fairly.

Witness: I certainly do not think that anything should be sent by post which did not reach any place purporting to be a place proclaimed under the Postal Act, or which did not go into the custody of some officer employed by the Postal Department.

Mr. Wynne: Witness has not definitely stated that the Government acted illegally in receiving newspapers or mails at a place which had been established by custom. Does he say that that action was illegal on the Government's part in receiving mails at the railway station, a custom which has been in operation for the last 30 years?—I have not been considering that point. The Government has a right to receive and carry them by train, and pay the freight; but that does not make them mail matter.

Then the Postmaster-General would be within his legal rights in making a contract to receive under section 43 certain bundles of newspapers entitled to free carriage by post?—The Postmaster-General could not make a contract under section 43 as was contemplated by the minute.

You admit that it was a perfectly legal arrangement?—Yes. The Postmaster-General could not under section 43 make any contract for the carriage of anything that did not pass through the post-office. All that is clearly contemplated is the carriage of mails.

That is my point. I want to know what are mails? What is your definition?—In order to be mails they must come into the hands of some postal employee at a place appointed by the Act.

It has been admitted that the officers of the Railway Department were the agents of the Post Office.

The Chairman and Mr. Dacey: No, no!

The Chairman: What has been admitted is that the Railway Commissioners in so far as they were carrying goods for the Post Office were contractors, but not agents.

Mr. Dacey: We will soon clear the matter up. Mr. Pollock, are the Railway Commissioners the agents of the Postmaster-General for the carriage of these mails?

Mr. Wynne: How does he know?

Mr. Dacey: It is a matter of law.

Witness: The Railway Commissioners are only common carriers. They are not agents at all.

Mr. Wynne: Under the contract in which they agree to receive certain newspapers and carry them to certain destinations, and for which they are paid by the Postal Department, in what capacity do they receive those bundles of papers?—As carriers.

Do they receive them as agents for the Post Office?—No.

Who authorises them to receive them?—Under the Railway Act they can enter into contracts for the receipt and carriage of goods.

Mr. Dalgarno was under the impression that they were agents.—I should say not. Possibly I can clear up some of this misunderstanding. As is known from time to time larceny of documents has been committed which have been sent by post. Under section 81 of the Act it provides that under certain conditions it is presumed that a document is sent by post, that means it puts it on the defendants or accused to show that the property is not the property of the Postmaster-General. We have had several cases where, to the ordinary mind, it might appear that a document was sent by post, but legally it was not sent thus. We have then charged people with stealing a piece of paper. If anything occurred to any of those newspapers sent in this particular way I have not any hesitation in telling you that we would have alleged that what was stolen was a piece of paper belonging to the "Sydney Morning Herald" or the "Daily Telegraph," but never for articles sent by post.

Mr. Wynne: We are told that if a mail coach-driver picks up a letter at "A" and he delivers it to a man at "B," and it is neither coming from nor going to a post-office, that the letter is mail matter within the meaning of the Act, although it has not been put in a post-office, nor was it going to one. Would you say that that was in the post?—No; it never was.

Mr. Dacey: I put that question to Mr. Dalgarno, and he was of the opinion that there was some regulation framed which constitutes that letter mail matter.

Mr. Wynne: Section 81 of the principal Postal Act relates to maildrivers. I presume the Railway Commissioners are mailmen and maildrivers?—No, they are not.

This section would not apply to any officer in charge of the railways if he stole a letter?—If the letter was undoubtedly mail matter any person who steals it, whether he is an employee of the Post Office or not, is liable.

Precisely; but if such a person had charge of letters which he was carrying, are they not presumed under this section to be mail matter?—In the event of an officer in charge of letters and newspapers on the railway stealing one of those letters or newspapers which he was carrying at the expense of the Post Office, and under their instructions, would he be liable under section 81?—Only if he was an employee of the Post Office or if the matter passed through the Post Office. You have to prove one of these two things.

I will ask you to look at the definition of a post office in the Commonwealth Act. There is no definition in the State Act.

Mr. Hollis: I object.

The Chairman: We are dealing with a thing that happened years ago, and this definition was framed years after these transactions took place. It would not be evidence.

Mr. Wynne: I am not asking for it to be put in in evidence. I want Mr. Pollock's opinion.

The Chairman: You cannot ask witness to frame a definition of a post office.

Mr. Wynne: The witness has stated that a thing must be in a post-office, or going to be put in one, or it cannot be regarded as mail matter. I ask him what is a post-office?—I can easily see that the definition under the Commonwealth Act is very much wider than what would be that of a post-office under our Act. It would have to be a place which was fixed by some regulation of the Government.

I do not know that it is worth while pursuing the point any further, because Mr. Pollock has expressed the opinion that the arrangement made was perfectly legal. It is in evidence that a comparison of the postal guides of Victoria and New South Wales discloses the fact that, excluding suburbs, the average number of mails per week to each post-office in Victoria is 6·03. In New South Wales the average number of regular mails to the Post Office is 4·87, and supplementary newspaper mails by train 1·06, a total of 5·93, or approximately the same in each State. When the Postmaster-General stopped the supplementary newspaper mails in New South Wales without providing any substitute, and reduced the average number of mails to 4·87 per week, but continued the full service in Victoria at 6·03, did he not in your opinion infringe section 99 of the Commonwealth Act?

The Chairman: I cannot allow that question, for the reason the witness has already stated that these trains which carried your newspapers in bulk were not mails. You are basing your question upon a false assumption.

Mr. Wynne: I do not know whether you are correct in that——

The Chairman: Show me that I am not.

Mr. Wynne: These newspapers were carried by the Railway Department, and paid for out of the postal vote, and there is no question about them being mails——

The Chairman: That is your opinion. You are entitled to it, but the witness has said definitely that they were not mails.

Mr. Wynne: In Victoria the Postal Department has arranged for an average of 6·03 mails per week to each post town; in New South Wales the average is now 4·87. Does that not infringe section 99?

The Chairman: That is the same question.

Witness: Knowing what you have told me about the action of the Postmaster-General on the stoppage of the carriage I do not think that that action was a breach of section 99.

Mr. Wynne: Do you think that if the Postmaster-General gave us half the number of deliveries in New South Wales compared with Victoria that it would not be an infringement?—If the Postmaster-General said there should be three deliveries daily in Melbourne and one in Sydney of course it would be.

That was the point I wanted to get at.

Mr. Hollis: Was that arrangement about the newspapers an arrangement under the Postal Act?—One hesitates to make any statement with regard to the Executive Government. I am not criticising its action, but it appears to me that it would have been better if the vote for the carriage of newspapers, instead of coming under the Postal Department, had been placed on the estimates of another department, say, the Treasury, which deals with the Railway Department. If that had been done no one would ever have been misled.

Mr. Wynne: Section 66 provides that the Railway Commissioners have the power to impose rates for the carriage of goods, and section 67 provides that before these rates can apply they must be approved by the Government. Does section 67 provide that these rates cannot be legal unless they receive the approval of the Government, and are gazetted?—No, it does not say that.

Mr. Hollis: In section 43 it is provided that the Commissioners have power to make special rates. Would it be legal for them to enter into a contract with two or three people for a special rate and continue that contract unless the bylaw was approved by the Government as provided in section 67?—The Act certainly contemplates that any special rate must be reported to the Minister within three months. It was another matter to say that it was illegal. The Commissioners might, by not reporting it, be guilty of a breach of duty.

Mr. Hollis: Can the Commissioners charge two rates for the same class of goods? Suppose they allowed newspapers to be carried at one-eighth the ordinary rate to some people and charged me the ordinary rate for similar newspapers. Can they do that?

Mr. Wynne: I submit that is not a fair question.

Witness: I do not think that under that section the Commissioners can make any difference.

Mr. Hollis: Suppose there are regulations approved and gazetted by the Government providing that newspapers should be carried at quarter rates. Can the Railway Commissioners make an arrangement with certain persons to override that bylaw?

Mr. Wynne: I think the circumstances ought to be named, otherwise it is not a fair question.

The Chairman, after some discussion on the point, said: The question summed up is, whether the Railway Commissioners have a legal power to break their own regulations and carry goods for one-half, one-third, or one-fourth of the usual rates without having that regulation cancelled?

Witness: They could not pass a regulation reducing these rates which would confer any right on the person sending the goods to demand that they be sent at a lower rate, but the Commissioners could undoubtedly say, we can charge a lesser amount. They may be exceeding powers conferred upon them by statute, but that such a regulation would be illegal, and so make the Commissioners liable to any punishment, was a very different question.

The Chairman: Have the Commissioners power under the Act to make a contract to charge certain goods at a rate less than the rate established by bylaw?—I think that would be exceeding their powers.

Mr. Wynne: That is not what the Secretary of Railways stated. He said they had made a contract subject to the approval of the Minister. Would that be legal?—Not in the way I have mentioned.

Would that be legal on the part of the Commissioners?—They could make a rate and submit it for the consideration of the Minister for approval.

They would be within their legal rights in doing that?—Yes, but they would be exceeding their powers in entering into a contract to carry at that rate.

Mr. Hollis: Section 43 provides that they can make a special rate. What would be their duty as to dealing with the Minister for Railways?—I think if they made any special rate it should be reported to the Minister.

And if such report has not been made would the Railway Commissioners have been exceeding their powers?—I would not go so far as that, but they certainly would not have been carrying out the intention of the Act.

Mr. Dacey: Has the Postmaster-General of New South Wales any power to enter into contracts for the carriage of mail newspapers, &c.—that is, newspapers outside the mails?—No, not unless it was mail matter.

Would a railway station be legally a "place"?—Not unless it was gazetted under the regulations of the Postal Act.

You have already said that there has been no interference with State rights in respect of the carriage of these papers which have not been transmitted through the post. In section 1 of the Free Postage Act, is it there indicated that free carriage should be granted to a paper transmitted through the post?—Yes.

No provision is made in that Act for the free carriage of newspapers not carried through the post?—No.

Is there any authority in section 9 of 31 Victoria, No. 4, to send a parcel of papers through the post?—There is under section 2 of the 1873 Act. After very careful consideration I think that section 9 is practically repealed by section 2 of the 1873 Act.

The Chairman: In section 2 of the 1873 Act it is provided that no newspaper shall contain any note, memorandum, &c. Would that exclude what is called a contents bill—the advertisement sheet setting out the contents of the newspaper?

Mr. Wynne: Perhaps it would be fair to say that provided the bill had the name of the paper on the top.

Witness: I do not think it would be illegal to put that bill in.

Mr. Dacey: Suppose a news agent gets six dozen papers and puts on the wrappers of these papers "I drink —— whisky." Is that illegal to send through the post?—Yes, that would be illegal, but I do not think it is illegal to put in the contents bills of any newspapers, as they are connected with the paper.

This concluded Mr. Pollock's examination, and the committee adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

PROPOSED TRAMWAY TO ERSKINEVILLE.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. M'Farlane, chairman of the Public Works Committee, laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly yesterday the committee's report upon the proposed tramway along Abercrombie-street, Redfern, to Erskineville. The committee recommended that a tramway to serve the population intended should be constructed, and of the two routes available—that by way of Abercrombie-street from George-street, and that by way of Regent-street from George-street—they considered that the latter would serve the larger number of people, and had most to recommend it. The committee was therefore of opinion that if the routes were limited to the choice between Abercrombie and Regent streets the line should be taken from George-street West into Regent-street and Bank-street, and thence into Abercrombie-street, and along the remainder of the route as proposed, viz., Golden Grove-street, Wilson and Burren streets, Erskineville-road, Septimus, Albert, and Thomas streets, and back to the corner of Thomas-street and Burren-street. Further, the committee recommended that the construction of the line be deferred until the question of the new street suggested in connection with the new Central railway station be determined. The construction of this new street would entirely remove the present difficulty with respect to additional points at the corner of Regent-street and George-street, as would also the contemplated alterations in the arrangements of the Redfern railway yard, which alterations were likely to take place soon enough to prevent any undue delay in the construction of this tramway. The estimated cost was £63,294.

PUBLICHOUSE AT CATARACT DAM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. M'Gowen has rendered good service by bringing the proposed issue of an hotel license at Cataract dam under the notice of Parliament. The circumstances surrounding this matter are so exceptional as to justify special measures being taken to prevent temptation being deliberately placed in the way of the men concerned. As is well known, the works at Cataract Dam are being carried on by day labour. The object of this arrangement is to secure the maximum direct return to the men and their families for the work done; and the character of the arrangement is such as to cast additional responsibility upon the overseers or managers, as well as upon the Government, that thus becomes the direct employer and paymaster. But so far as the facts have already emerged it appears as if the Government had become a consenting party to the establishment of a licensed drinking place in the midst of the men. When Mr. O'Sullivan was pressed as to whether he had given consent for the use of a site on which to locate the license, he appears to have evaded the question by affirming that the whole matter must go on to the licensing bench. But this evasion will not hold. So far as appears, the Minister for Works has it in his power to authoritatively prevent the location of a license amongst the day-labour men by refusing a site on which to place the hotel, and in the best interests of the men and their families it is to be hoped the Minister will take this step. A good precedent for such action is to be found in the declared intention of the Government to prohibit the sale of drink in the artisan area known as Lillyvilla. If there is a good reason for this admirable policy in one place, the reason is more weighty when applied to the Cataract area.

I notice that Mr. O'Sullivan says that the alternative to a public house at Cataract is a sly-grog shop, or a monopoly to the existing hotel at Appin, four miles away. The sly-grog shop alternative need not be seriously entertained. A watchful policeman will soon deal with that problem. As to a monopoly four miles away, the distance will be in itself a sufficient qualification and limitation. The means to do ill-deeds oft makes ill-deeds to be done, and a license bar confronting the men as they go to and from their work, and spreading its enticements before them every evening, will be a temptation to which not a few will succumb who would not dream of travelling four miles to have a spree. So far as can be ascertained the majority of the men do not desire to have this public-house thrust upon them. The application is not made in their interests, and it needs very little experience of such neighbourhoods to know that the opening of a bar will be nothing short of a calamity to the neighbourhood. It is to be hoped that the officer who is to be sent up to oppose the application will not do so in a perfunctory way.

I am, &c.,
J. E. CARRUTHERS.
Parsonage, Stanmore, December 11.

THE CAUCUS AND SIR WILLIAM M'MILLAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Sir W. M'Millan's attack on the caucus system of voting as practised by the labour party, published in the "Herald" of the 9th, is evidently used as a cover for a more general attack upon the methods and morality of the tactics of that party in Parliament.

The question of the propriety of "caucus" voting has before been frequently discussed in the press of this country, with the general result that it has been found impossible to clearly define the difference between the "caucus" and the "party" or "sectional" vote when put into practice. Theoretically the "party" vote differs from the "caucus" in that each individual member is supposed to be free to vote according to his conscience. In practice, however, it is well known that the individual conscience upon any matter affecting the political or parliamentary welfare of the "party" shows a wonderful capacity for voting according to the crack of the "party whip." The "caucus" does not dissemble to this extent, but avows its object and justifies its method by the fact that in the "long run" the wisdom of the majority of its members is the best guidance to act upon, and if a "labour party" functions properly it must use its vote solidly and from the point of view of the workers' interests every time.

The fact that the labour party is only a minority in the State or Federal Parliaments by no means justifies Sir William M'Millan's contention that it only represents a very small minority of the State or Commonwealth. The labour party should represent not only the workers whose votes elected them, but the interests of the working classes, between which there is a vast difference. It is, unfortunately, too true that at present the greater number of the working classes are ignorant of the direction in which their interests lie. They have not that keenness of scent for the trail of their interests that the members of the economic class Sir William M'Millan represents have. This is due chiefly in the past to the overpowering influence of the dominant (propertied) class, at first unconsciously exercised by virtue of its position or status; but later, as capitalism has developed, conscious of their interests, the leaders of the dominant (commercial) classes by means of their control and the economic position of the workers have deliberately imposed as truth, morality, and religion the ideas which suited their purpose and best served their class interests.

It may certainly be admitted that prior to the advent of the labour party into Parliaments there was not much class strife within their walls; but that is obvious, because only one class—and that the propertied class—was represented in any Parliament. What troubles Sir William M'Millan and others of his class is that the long-unrepresented class—the working class—is now getting some, although when its numerical superiority over other classes is considered very inadequate, representation, is being educated to a true conception of its interests.

Sir William M'Millan claims that Parliament should be a reflex of society. Well, is not society in this and all other civilised countries to-day absolutely based upon class antagonisms—the antagonism of the possessing class and the dispossessed class—antagonised by that small but powerful minority class that holds and controls all the chief means and instruments of production, distribution, and exchange, against that numerically large though weak majority—weak because not conscious of its class interests—the working class, owning nothing but its mental and muscular faculties, which even these it is not allowed to use for a bare subsistence unless it renders profit to those who own and control those objects and instruments upon which and with which it must function?

Day by day the line of cleavage in society is getting wider and wider between the two great fundamental classes in society, and "the history of all hitherto existing societies is the history of class struggles."

The labour party "desires to wage war with our present industrial system," say the heaven-born legislators, as though an industrial system organised only to cope with production and distribution on the limited and petty basis of the handicraft and manufacture stage of 60 or 70 years ago were adapted to or capable of efficiently dealing with production and industry on the grand machine scale upon which it must of necessity be carried on to-day. As Frederick Engels says, "The mode of production rises in rebellion against the form of appropriation and exchange."

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LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF LEASE.

Christensen v. See.

Mr. Reid, K.C., and Mr. Shand, instructed by Messrs. John Williamson and Sons, appeared for the plaintiff; and Sir Julian Salomons, K.C., and Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, for defendant. This was an action brought by Charles Christensen against Sir John See to recover compensation for being, as the plaintiff alleged, wrongfully evicted from premises in Kidman's-buildings, corner of George and Market streets, which the defendant (as trustee) had leased to him and one Henry William Gilbert.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and that plaintiff was indebted to him for rent in the sum of £168, which sum defendant set off by way of cross-action to the plaintiff's claim.

His Honor having finished his summing up, the jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict for defendant.

DISPUTE IN REGARD TO A SALE OF WOOL.

Matthews v. Australian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited.

Mr. Piddington, instructed by Mr. C. J. W. Green, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Rolin, instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Joseph Matthews, carpenter, against the Australian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, to recover the sum of £66 19s 5d, amount claimed to be due to him by the defendants as the net balance obtained by them for the sale of wool on his behalf. Plaintiff's case was that at one time he carried on the business of grazier and agriculturist in the Grenfell district, where he had a selection of about 1330 acres, and during his operations there he received assistance from the local branch of the Union Bank of Australia and gave them security over his property. In 1900, being of opinion that his wool clip for that year was not included in the mortgage, though the proceeds of previous clips had been paid into the bank, he saw M'Nevin, the defendants' agent, and arranged that they should sell his clip and remit the proceeds to him with an account within 14 days. The clip was accordingly forwarded to Sydney, and was sold by defendant company, the net amount realised being £76 19s 5d. Of this sum, defendants paid £10 to plaintiff, but instead of also accounting to him for the £66 19s 5d, they paid it to the Union Bank of Australia, Grenfell. Hence the present action.

The defence was that after the wool had been sold a demand was made by the bank for the proceeds on the ground that the clip was portion of the security included in the mortgage given by plaintiff to them to cover present and future advances, and that thereupon defendants handed the money over to the bank. Plaintiff in his evidence admitted that the £10 was paid to him by defendants' manager with the permission of the bank, and that he subsequently went to New Zealand, where he remained for about 12 months. In cross-examination plaintiff did not deny that in December, 1900, he owed the bank over £700, but said that the bank had taken possession of his property. He denied that the wool clip of 1900 was covered by the mortgage of 1898, or that he had ever given a lien upon it.

His Honor, in summing up, said that the case was no doubt an important one, and might be referred to the Full Court on the legal question involved as to whether the mortgage deed of 1898 covered the plaintiff's wool clip of 1900. It was on the deed itself that the rights of the parties must be determined, and the conversation between the parties had nothing to do with the matter. As far as the deed was concerned he did not think anyone could read it without seeing that it was the intention of the bank to secure by it not only the stock, wool, &c., in existence at the time of the mortgage, but property which might be on the selection in the future. Whether the deed carried out that intention was a matter of law which might ultimately have to be decided, but the jury would have to decide as a matter of fact whether the defendants held the wool for the bank. If they did, it would be equivalent to the bank taking possession.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the amount claimed. They found specially that the bank did not have actual possession of the wool, and that therefore plaintiff was entitled to the proceeds of the sale.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four.)

ACTION ARISING FROM A TRAM ACCIDENT.

Campbell v. Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Want, Mr. James, and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Reid, K.C., and Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by Mr. J. C. Thom (solicitor to the Railway Commissioners), for the defendants. This was an action brought by James Campbell, a miner, against the Railway Commissioners to recover £2000 for injuries sustained by him owing, as he alleged, to the careless and negligent management of a tram by defendants' servant or servants. Plaintiff's case was that on the evening of November 24, 1901, he, accompanied by his niece, after seeing a friend off in the train at Redfern, took an Annandale tram in order to catch the Leichhardt tram at Johnston-street. When the tram reached that street it was found that the Leichhardt tram had pulled up at the usual stopping place, and, therefore, the tram in which plaintiff was travelling had to stop immediately behind. The guard called out "Johnston-street; end of the section," and when the tram had come to a standstill plaintiff prepared to alight. He was in the act of getting down, and had one foot actually on the ground, when the tram, without any warning being given, suddenly moved on, and he was dragged three or four yards and then violently thrown to the ground. He was severely injured, one of his thighs being fractured, and was under medical care for a long time. He also stated that he suffered considerably, and that the injury to the limb was of such a nature that he was permanently incapacitated from following his usual occupation.

The defendants pleaded not guilty.

The evidence of M'Clure, the conductor of the tram, was to the effect that on the evening in question the Leichhardt tram, which was immediately in front of that bound for Annandale, had pulled up at Johnston-street, and the driver of the Annandale tram had slowed down. When the Leichhardt tram had resumed its journey, witness's tram was slowly approaching the Johnston-street stopping place, and he then noticed a man, who afterwards turned out to be the plaintiff, get up from his seat, step down upon the footboard of the tram and fall to the ground. Witness stated positively that the tram was in motion at the time and had not stopped and then gone on, and that he did not call out "Johnston-street, end of section," or even "Johnston-street." Other witnesses were called in general corroboration of this statement.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

CLAIM AGAINST A MINING COMPANY.

Cooper v. Scottish-Australian Mining Company, Limited.

Mr. J. L. Campbell and Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Betts and Son, of Goulburn (by Messrs. Pigott and Stinson), appeared for the plaintiff, George Leonard Cooper; Mr. Lamb, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the defendant, Scottish-Australian Mining Company, Limited. This was an action to recover £300 for the alleged deprivation of a quantity of copper slag, ore, and matte said to have been sent to the defendant company for treatment. Plaintiff in his declaration set out that he was the owner of certain copper slag, ore, and matte, and delivered portions to the Smelting Company of Australia, Limited, at Dapto, and the Sulphide Corporation, Limited, at Cockle Creek, to be smelted for him. The defendant company claimed to be the owner, and caused the companies to retain the material and afterwards took possession of it. The defendant pleaded that the material detained was not the slag or ore of plaintiff, but was copper belonging to one of the furnaces.

The case stands part heard.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge.)

A MINING DISPUTE.

Bland v. Durham.

Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Messrs. Rawlinson and Hamilton (as agents for Mr. C. J. Cunningham, of Bega), appeared for the plaintiffs, Frederick Bland, Thomas Henry Notley, Joseph William Twyford, and William Thomas Joseph Curtis. There was no appearance of the defendants, Richard Durham, Patrick Delaney, John Duffy, and Ernest Falkner. Plaintiffs by their statement of claim set out that an agreement was entered into between them and the defendants Durham and Delaney on January 17, 1900, under which these defendants were to commence prospecting for gold on the Black Range, in the Bega district, on condition that the expenses and the profits should be equally shared between the plaintiff syndicate and the defendants Durham and Delaney. Plaintiffs alleged that these defendants worked the locality until April, 1900, when they went prospecting at Yambulla, some 60 miles from Bega, where a lease was obtained, and the ground was worked by Durham and Delaney. On September 18, 1900, these defendants wrote to the plaintiffs cancelling the partnership agreement, but the lease was still being worked on behalf of the syndicate under the agreement. Plaintiffs contended that before this letter notifying the cancellation of the agreement these defendants made a valuable discovery of gold at Razorback and Squirrel Hill. The defendants, it was alleged, entered into partnership with the defendants Duffy and Falkner, and they worked the properties and won large quantities of gold, which defendants claimed they alone were entitled to. Plaintiffs also said that before they received defendants' letter the defendants obtained gold at Ladysmith, which had not been accounted for to plaintiffs. The letter sent by defendants they submitted was only a notice of intention to withdraw from the agreement, and the plaintiffs claimed that they were entitled each to one-sixth share of the profits of the syndicate. They therefore asked that their rights should be defined, and that the two defendants referred to might be declared trustees, and be restrained from dealing with the property to the prejudice of the plaintiffs, that a receiver might be appointed, that accounts of the profits might be taken, and that defendants might be ordered to pay the costs of suit.

The defendants, although they did not appear, had filed statements of defence, in which Durham and Delaney set out that plaintiffs had not paid the money which they should have paid under the terms of the agreement, or that any valuable discovery of gold was made. Before the defendants went to Yambulla, Duffy and Falkner were in possession of the Razorback property, and were prospecting it. Defendants also denied that they had made any discoveries at Squirrel Flat after the making of the agreement and before the letter of cancellation was written. They admitted having obtained gold near Ladysmith, but it was not sufficient to pay expenses. They also denied that they had refused to account for the gold, and asserted that they had accounted for it to Mr. Curtis (one of the plaintiffs). They denied making a discovery of gold at Razorback, and said that plaintiffs' interest in the matter had ceased. Defendants said they had expended large sums of money in improvements to the properties, and if the Court held that plaintiffs were entitled to any share in the profits they should also bear their proportionate share of the expenses. Defendants therefore asked that the suit be dismissed with costs.

The defendants, Duffy and Falkner, had also filed a statement of defence in which they claimed to have made the discovery of gold before the other defendants came to Yambulla, and they were admitted into partnership on October 20, 1900. Until that time these men had no interest in the property. They denied that Durham and Delaney had discovered gold at Squirrel Flat, and no discovery had been made there until January, 1901. They admitted that all the applications were made by Delaney as a member of the partnership, but not otherwise.

Mr. Langer Owen called two witnesses. Frederick Bland stated that the plaintiffs had done everything there was to be done in the matter of the payment of money under the agreement. Defendants admitted that they took up the Razorback and Squirrel Flat properties, and won £2000 worth of gold. William Thomas Joseph Curtis said he had acted as the secretary of the company, and the moneys sent to the defendants Durham and Delaney were sent by him. There was no default in respect of the agreement made by the plaintiffs.

His Honor made an order declaring that the plaintiffs were entitled to a 4-6 interest in the Razorback and Squirrel Flat properties, and the defendants, Durham and Delaney, were trustees for the plaintiffs for those shares. A perpetual injunction was granted restraining defendants from selling or otherwise dealing with the properties in question to the injury or prejudice of the plaintiffs, and directing accounts to be taken of the profits made; defendant to pay costs of suit, further consideration reserved.

QUESTION FOR THE COURT.

The Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, v. M'Intosh.

This case had been before the Court on a previous day, when Mr. Knox, instructed by Messrs. Villeneuve Smith and Dawes (as agents for Mr. Stirton, of Moree), appeared for the plaintiff company; Mr. Loxton, instructed by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mackenzie, appeared for the defendant, Jemima M'Intosh, widow of Alexander M'Intosh; Mr. Sheppard, instructed by Mr. T. M. Kemmis, appeared for the defendant, Christina M'Intosh, daughter of deceased; Mr. H. Inclodon Pilcher, instructed by Mr. R. G. C. Isoberts, appeared for the defendant, Jessie M'Intosh; Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Mr. E. Bourne, appeared for the defendant Norman M'Intosh; Mr. E. M. Stephen, instructed by Mr. Windeyer, appeared for the defendant Malcolm M'Intosh; and Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Mr. Claude Manning, appeared for the defendant Leslie Manning. This was an application by the Perpetual Trustee Company, as trustees of the estate of the late Alexander M'Intosh, of Moree, for the opinion of the Court as to the basis upon which certain specifically devised and bequeathed properties, including certain station properties, should bear the deficiency in the general estate as the question became involved owing to the fact that one specifically devised property was subject to a large mortgage, and three of the devised properties had balances owing on certain C.P.s contained in those gifts.

Counsel's addresses were not concluded when the Court adjourned for the day.

PROBATE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker, Probate Judge.)

A DISPUTED WILL.

Readford v. Lampert (part heard).

Mr. Gordon and Mr. Rich, instructed by Mr. W. Shorter, appeared for the plaintiff, John Thomas Readford, solicitor, of Barraba, executor of the will of Barnett Lampert; Mr. Gannon and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Carruthers and Wilson, appeared for defendant, Annie Lampert, widow. This was an action brought by John Thomas Readford, one of the executors and trustees to the will of Barnett Lampert, late of Barraba, in the State of New South Wales, to have probate of the will of the deceased granted to the plaintiff as such executor, and that the defendant be ordered to pay costs of the suit. It was stated for the plaintiff that at the time of his death the deceased was possessed of certain real and personal property in the State. On April 12, 1902, the said Barnett Lampert, being of "sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding," made and executed his last will and testament. This will was duly signed and attested, and the testator appointed the plaintiff and Maurice Hamilton Dawson executors and trustees thereof. Four days later, namely, on April 12, Barnett Lampert died at Barraba without having altered or revoked his will. On May 2 Maurice Hamilton Dawson renounced his right and title to probate and execution of the will. On May 3 and also on May 12 the plaintiff advertised notices of his intention to apply for probate of the will, and on May 22 the defendant by her proctor entered a caveat against probate being granted to the plaintiff. Annie Lampert, the widow of Barnett Lampert, late of Barraba, in her statement of defence, contended that the alleged will had not been duly executed as required by law; that at the time of its execution on April 12 Barnett Lampert was not of "sound mind, memory, and understanding," and that at the time of the execution of the alleged will he did not know and approve of its contents. And further that the execution of the alleged will was obtained by the undue influence of Moses Weissenberg and others acting with him.

The matter was settled on the following terms, which were filed in court:—Charge of undue influence against Moses Weissenberg or any other person to be withdrawn, caveat filed by defendant to be withdrawn, and probate granted to the plaintiff as the sole executor named in the will; costs of plaintiff as executor and of defendant to be paid out of the estate as between solicitor and client; plaintiff agrees that Dr. Otto M. Bohrsmann be appointed co-trustee of the estate; plaintiff so far as he legally can to allow the defendant as her maintenance under the will the whole of the net rents of the lands mentioned in the will as the source of her maintenance from the date of the death of her husband; Mr. W. T. A. Shorter to continue as solicitor of the estate.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

PARKES v. PARKES (part heard).

This was a suit for divorce brought by Varney Parkes against Isabella Cameron Parkes, the ground of the petition being adultery with William Billerwell, who was joined as co-respondent. Mr. Ralston and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. J. H. Marsden, appeared for the petitioner; Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared for the respondent. There was no appearance for the co-respondent. The parties were married on December 24, 1884, at Liverpool, according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church. Petitioner was a widower. Respondent's maiden name was Murray, and she was the sister of petitioner's first wife. There were counter charges by respondent that petitioner had committed adultery with three women named. The case for the petitioner was that, on the death of one of the children of the marriage in 1893, respondent confessed to him ante-nuptial misconduct; and they (petitioner and respondent) never again had marital relationship, though in order to keep the world ignorant of their domestic trouble they lived in the same house for years. In 1900 respondent returned from a trip to Scotland. Afterwards petitioner was told that respondent and co-respondent had misconducted themselves. He challenged them separately, and he stated in his evidence each admitted the allegation. Petitioner in his evidence denied the allegations of adultery, as set out in the counter charges, and also allegations of his having been very free in his manner towards certain young ladies, but he denied that there was anything improper in his conduct in any way.

Robert Hiscocks, commission agent, stated that he was a brother-in-law of the petitioner, and had known the co-respondent for about 25 years. One day in August last year witness met the co-respondent, when Billerwell said he had found out what witness had declined to tell him, and added that he would tell witness something if he would respect his (Billerwell's) confidence, and witness promised. Billerwell then said, "Isabella told me." Witness asked, "Do you mean Varney's wife?" and Billerwell replied "Yes." The matter referred to related to some trouble between the petitioner and his wife. In answer to witness's inquiry, "How could she possibly have told you?" Billerwell admitted his intimacy with the respondent. In December last year witness, in answer to questions, told his wife.

Isabella Cameron Parkes, the respondent, in her evidence stated that after the death of her child she made a certain statement to her husband. Before their marriage the petitioner had told her things that he had heard about her from her sister, and witness asked him whether if it were true he would still marry her, and petitioner replied that would be all the more reason why he should do so. After the statement following the death of her child ordinary relations continued between her and her husband, and continued after the birth of the last child and until September 11, 1895, when her husband told her he had been informed by a doctor that she would not have any more children, and that after that they must occupy separate rooms. At the time of the confession to her husband she never thought of their remaining apart, and she never agreed to. She positively denied having been guilty of adultery with the co-respondent. Her husband at his office on July 9 last year asked her if she had committed adultery with the co-respondent, and she replied, "Never; not at any time."

Mr. Whitfeld, in reply to his Honor, said he had not subpoenaed the co-respondent.

His Honor said the reason he asked was that the statement made by Billerwell was not evidence against Mrs. Parkes. The fact was that Billerwell was in Sydney, and had not been subpoenaed.

The respondent, continuing, said: In January, 1899, her husband let her go to Scotland, paying her passage, and she returned in December the same year. They lived on friendly terms after her return. The petitioner had asked her if he might get a divorce from her. He had been ill in June, 1901, and one night he called her out of bed and told her that he was unhappy. He said it was not his illness that was troubling so much as that he was afraid he should lose the affections of a lady he cared for. Respondent said to him, "If that is so, you had better get a divorce from me and marry her." Respondent had an interview with her husband at his office on July 9, when he told her they must have some settlement of their differences. He accused her of spreading reports, and asked her if she had ever misconducted herself with Billerwell. Her husband told her Billerwell had confessed to him that she had called him into her room and tempted him. She took a solemn oath that what Billerwell had said was absolutely untrue. Her husband told her he was making up a case against her and meant to crush her, even if he was crushed himself. She denied that any impropriety had taken place between her and Billerwell, but he had kissed her shortly before January or February, 1897. She had appealed to him for help, and he kissed her, but he had not done so either before or since. When Billerwell came to her room she told him she did not like his coming.

In cross-examination by Mr. Ralston the respondent admitted writing a letter (produced) to her husband asking him to forgive her. She said she had deeply wronged him, and asked him not to visit her sins upon the children. In asking her husband's forgiveness the respondent said she thought she must have been referring to something that possibly she had said.

The cross-examination was concluded, and after further evidence the hearing was adjourned till the following morning.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker, Judge in Bankruptcy.)

MOTION UNDER SECTION 134.

Re John Alexander Smith. Mr. Mark Mitchell appeared for the official assignee; and Mr. Rich appeared for the respondent, William John Smith. Mr. Mitchell applied for an order to declare void as against the official assignee an alleged indenture of assignment bearing date October 2, 1902, between the bankrupt and the respondent under which the bankrupt assigned to respondent the goodwill, stock-in-trade, goods, chattels, and effects of or belonging to, and ordered, but not then delivered, in connection with an ironmongery business and a chemist's business carried on by the bankrupt at Nowra. An order was also prayed directing the respondent to hand over to the official assignee the goodwill, stock-in-trade, &c., of the said businesses, or to pay him the value of the same, and for an order restraining the respondent from transferring or in any way dealing with the goodwill, stock-in-trade, and profits of the businesses on the grounds that the indenture of assignment was void within the meaning of sections 56 and 58 of the Bankruptcy Act, and that the effects, goods, and stock-in-trade of the businesses were the property of the bankrupt at the time of the commencement of his bankruptcy, and as such passed to the official assignee and became vested in him.

By consent an order was made in terms of the prayer, with leave to the respondent to tender proof of his debt in the ordinary way. The interim injunction granted on a former occasion was made perpetual.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before the President, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Messrs. S. Smith and W. D. Cruickshank, members.)

UNDERTAKERS' DISPUTE.

The matter of an industrial dispute between the Undertakers' Employees and Assistants' Union of New South Wales, industrial union of employees (claimant), and the Master Undertakers' Association, industrial union of employers (respondent), was before the Court.

Mr. Clegg appeared for the claimant union; and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Mr. G. C. Murdoch, appeared for the respondent union.

The claimant's issue set out that the hours of labour of coffin-makers or shopmen must not exceed 60 hours per week, from which must be deducted the statutory half day off; permanent hands must be guaranteed full time. Respondent disputed this, urging that as their business cannot be regulated within any prescribed time, definite hours of labour could not be arranged for.

Claimant asked that the minimum wage for coffin-makers and shopmen shall be £2 10s per week; overtime at the rate of 1s per hour. Respondent replied that £2 5s was a fair and reasonable wage, which would place shopmen in a much better position than any other artisan in the building trade, in which there was much broken time. Overtime was not considered, as the exigencies of the trade do not permit of any set hours of labour.

Claimant asked that the hours of yardmen and coachmen shall not exceed 60 hours per week; the minimum wage shall not exceed £2 2s; overtime to be paid at the rate of 1s per hour; trade perquisites to remain unaltered. Respondent admitted the claim regarding the weekly rate of pay, but contended that the hours of labour must be a matter of individual arrangement, because of the exigencies of the trade; trade perquisites to be abolished, as it was considered to be a most pernicious system, and had been a voluntary act on the part of the hirer; and also on account of the wages now paid being a considerable increase to what had been and was now being paid to some employees.

Claimant asked that any yardsman or coachman required to mind the shop after 6 p.m. should be paid at the rate of 1s per hour, exclusive of his ordinary day's pay as yardsman or coachman. When undertakers employ only one assistant the assistant shall be classed as a shopman, and shall be allowed to perform all duties appertaining to the trade. The minimum wage shall be £2 10s per week. The hours of labour shall not exceed 60 hours per week, from which shall not be deducted the half-day off per week. All overtime shall be paid for at the rate of 1s per hour. Respondent disputed these claims, and urged that as it affected only the smaller tradesmen it was considered fair that general hands were well paid, there being much idle time paid for.

Claimant asked that the holidays to be observed shall be: Christmas Day, Good Friday, and the day of the annual picnic; no funerals shall take place on those days, excepting cases of plague or small-pox. Respondent submitted that the matter of holidays could not be entertained, because of the irregularity of the nature of the business.

Claimant asked that no member of the union shall be permitted to work with non-unionists. Respondent disputed this matter, contending that it was unworkable, because owing to the irregularity of the business masters were often forced to employ anyone they could secure, but the trade was willing to give preference to members of the Assistants' Union.

Claimant asked that coffin-makers, if engaged by piecework, shall be paid according to a scale submitted:—Minding or carrying, 2s 6d; drivers, 8s per day; morning or afternoon job, 5s; casual driver of four-horse hearse, 7s 6d per driver; bearers, morning job, 5s; job and a half, 7s 6d; bearers of leaden coffins, 2s 6d extra; casual hands required to assist to take home coffins shall receive 2s 6d. Respondent replied that as piecework was practically unknown in the trade, no arrangement need be made under the heading of casual labour; that the masters were willing to pay the following rates for casual labour as required:—Minding vehicles, 2s; carrying corpse, with railway ticket, 2s; day's labour, 7s; driving pair-horse vehicle, 5s; four-horse driver 6s; bearers, 5s each.

Mr. Clegg in opening the case, on behalf of the claimant union, said that in some cases at the present time the men had to work 90 hours a week. About 18 months ago a union was formed, and the employers were approached with a view to redress at least some of the grievances, but the employers refused to give way on any point. At present the men engaged in the business, especially the yardmen, were little better than white slaves.

Evidence was then entered upon.

William Henry Withers said he had been engaged in the trade for about 12 years. The conditions of labour were the same now as they were 10 years ago. An employee was at the call of the employer at any hour of the day or night. He believed it was practicable to work 60 hours a week, with a half day off under the present conditions. He would class the men who did all kinds of work in the trade as skilled mechanics. Taken on an average, the number of hours worked at the present time was fully 70 per week.

Other evidence was given by several witnesses in regard to the conditions under which they were obliged to work in connection with the trade. It was stated that in some cases men worked from 70 to 93 hours per week. An employee was liable to be called upon at any hour during the night to start work. In most cases no holidays were given, and on Sundays the men were expected to work when called upon. One of the witnesses stated that on one occasion he had to work continuously for two days and a night. He had been asked to work during the second night, but refused. He added that he had known cases where men were frequently required to carry their livery clothes with them when attending a funeral, and when finished with the latter had to change and attend a wedding.

Henry Mason, a master undertaker, said that generally speaking, it was quite practicable to have a week of 60 hours' work, with half a day off. Witness had known of piece-work being done in the trade. He had until recently been employed at Messrs. Wood and Co's. yard and livery establishment at Balmain, where he generally commenced work at 6 o'clock in the morning, and as a rule did not knock off till all hours of a night. He was, when so employed, liable to be called upon at any hour.

Evidence for the respondent union was given by Arthur C. J. Wood (Wood and Co.). He said he had been conducting the business for between 17 and 18 years. They had six branches besides the livery stables. He had always left the matter of joining the union to the employees themselves. Two of his foremen had refused to join the union. The work of the shopmen was varied. His firm averaged from 25 to 30 funerals a week. During the influenza epidemic they had had 77 funerals in 10 days. Usually he had treated his men in as liberal a manner as possible. The work usually came in with a rush. So far as he was concerned he would be willing to give a day off to the men every fortnight. He would suggest to the Court to have no set hours of labour, and to have the one day off per fortnight. If an employer knew the exact time of a man going off, he would be prepared to fill his place by a casual hand. Through all his firm's establishments from May, 1900, to the end of November of this year he had a return prepared, showing that during that time 2877 funerals were conducted. Of these 1132 were taken in between 8 a.m. and midday, 833 between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 757 between 6 o'clock at night and 7 o'clock the next morning. Three full days was the longest period during which they had not had a funeral to attend to. It was impossible to fix a set of hours of labour. The business was dependent on the public call.

Witness, continuing, said that if the Court would allow them to employ the men for 60 hours per week as the work came in he thought it would be practicable. Nearly any man, so long as he could use a saw and plane, could do the work required after a little practice. If the Court decided that overtime should be granted he thought that 9d an hour would be a fair thing. Witness had always been opposed to the system of giving perquisites. It had for years been the practice, but has been abolished in March last.

The Court adjourned till 10 o'clock the following day.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Gibson and juries.)

Mr. H. M. Hamilton, Crown Prosecutor.

RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.

William Robert Corkhill, who had been convicted of receiving 41 cases of jam stolen from Messrs. Taylor Brothers, and whom the jury had recommended to mercy, was called for sentence.

Mr. J. W. Abigail, who appeared for the prisoner, said: "Your Honor, with regard to the jury's rider in this case, the foreman of that jury has informed me——"

His Honor: Mr. Abigail, I don't think the foreman should have communicated with you at all. At any rate, you must not tell me what he said about the rider.

Mr. Abigail then asked that the clement provisions of the First Offenders Act might be extended to the prisoner and quoted cases, such as arson, forgery, false pretences, receiving and stealing, in which various Judges had exercised clemency towards first offenders.

His Honor: It is no use taking the time of the Court up by this appeal, Mr. Abigail. I said that I would consider the case carefully, but advised you to hold out no hope to the prisoner that he would be released as a first offender. Dishonesty of this kind is very common. I have given the case long and serious consideration——.

Mr. Abigail: Your Honor, I beg that you will hear me.

His Honor: Well, I cannot delay the jury waiting to come into court any longer. Remove the prisoner for the present.

Corkhill was then removed, and at a later stage again brought into court. Mr. J. C. Gannon (for Mr. Abigail) said that prisoner's counsel had no more to say.

His Honor said that he regretted that he could not release Corkhill as a first offender. Prisoner had been a trusted employee of the firm, but had proved dishonest after he had left it. The jury's recommendation had the effect of reducing the sentence he would otherwise have passed by one half. The sentence would be 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ALLEGED RECEIVING.

The hearing of the charges preferred against Lucius Edwin Ball and Richard May of having broken and entered the warehouse of Malachy Fallon and stolen 16 cases and 966lb. of tea, and of having received the tea, well knowing it to have been stolen, was continued. Mr. J. H. Want K.C., instructed by Mr. C. Bull, appeared for the defence.

Mr. Hamilton having addressed the jury, his Honor summed up, and the jury retired at 11.20 a.m.

At 1 p.m. the jury asked that two witnesses be recalled.

The accused May, in answer to a juryman, said that there were four persons living in the house from Tuesday to Sunday. Witness's wife was attended daily by medical men.

Constable Twist, in answer to the juror, said that he could not say whether Mrs. May was ill.

When the jury had again retired Mr. Bull said that Twist had previously sworn that he had no doubt that Mrs. May was seriously ill.

His Honor said that his recollection was that Twist had not done so on this occasion, although he might have so sworn at another court.

At 2.30 p.m. the jury returned into court with a verdict of not guilty on both counts in favour of Ball and guilty of receiving against May. The jury recommended May to mercy on account of his previous good character. A sentence of two years' imprisonment, with hard labour, was imposed upon May. Ball was discharged.

ACQUITTAL.

Samuel George Bingham and Thomas William Bullbrook, two respectable-looking young men, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on August 23 at Sydney feloniously slain John Bingham. Mr. J. C. Gannon, instructed by Mr. N. Montagu, appeared for the defence.

Dr. Sydney Jamieson gave evidence regarding a post-mortem examination he had carried out on the body of the deceased John Bingham. There were marks of violence on the head. The brain and stomach showed signs of alcoholic degeneration. The lip was split, and two teeth had been recently knocked out.

Frank Arthur Hall, licensee of the Grand Hotel, Waverley, said that on August 23 the two accused and the deceased were at the hotel. They left just before midnight. John Bingham was under the influence of drink, but capable of taking care of himself. Bullbrook had a few drinks in him. Samuel Bingham was sober. The two Binghams were brothers, and were on affectionate terms. The two accused bore excellent characters. Bullbrook usually had one drink before going home at night, but this night he had more. The three men were very friendly in the hotel. There had been some joke at Bullbrook's expense in the hotel that night, but there was no unpleasantness. John Bingham took no part in the joke.

Constable John H. Taylor said that on August 23 he lived near the corner of Brisbane and Burrell streets, Waverley. About 12.30 a.m. witness heard a noise outside his house. Witness slept in the front downstairs room about 4ft. from the footpath. The noise was of voices quarrelling. When witness awoke fully the noise had ceased. Witness then heard a sound like a body falling on the ground, and jumping up went to the window and saw a man lying on the footpath. The man had his coat off and was groaning. Witness saw two persons hurrying towards Birrell-street, and thought he saw three others on the vacant allotment opposite. The two who were going towards Birrell-street stopped and came back. Bullbrook stooped down and caught hold of the injured man and said, "Come on, get up." Samuel Bingham went round the other side of John Bingham, and said to Bullbrook, "You hit him." Bullbrook denied the statement, which was reiterated and again denied. The two men got deceased into a sitting position, but let him fall, the head hitting the asphalt pavement heavily.

His Honor at this stage intimated that Dr. Jamieson would have to be sent for again, in view of the evidence.

Taylor, continuing, said that he then went out of his house. Samuel Bingham said, "This is my brother. We were bringing him home drunk, and he fell down." Witness said, "What did you mean by accusing Bullbrook of striking him?" Bingham said, "I did not." Witness then said, "Why did you run away?" Bingham said, "We did not." Witness said to Bullbrook, "Do you know who hit him?" Bullbrook said, "No." Witness said, "Who were the men who went across the allotment?" Bingham said, "Oh, they are friends of ours," but added that he could not give their names. Bingham at first declined to go with witness to the police station. A man called Haydon came up then, and witness took the two accused to the lockup, leaving the deceased lying on the path, and sending Haydon back to look after him. At the lockup Bingham said that the man lying in Brisbane-street was his brother, and that they were going along Brisbane-street when they were assaulted by three larrikins. Constable Walsh and witness and the two accused went back to where the body was lying. Constable Boyd and Haydon and a watchman named Simmons were there. Bullbrook, in answer to a remark of witness, said, "I got dealt with and he got dealt with." When witness first took accused to the lockup they had no overcoats other than those they had on. Afterwards witness saw Bingham carrying John Bingham's coat and an overcoat, which he had handed to Bullbrook. At the police station on Sunday Bingham said to Constable Bowler, "I was walking along ahead of the others, and I sang out to the others not to be bandying words across the street." Bullbrook said, "We were coming along arm-in-arm and I was struck from behind and laid on the ground for four minutes unconscious." The night had been wet. There were no signs of dirt upon Bingham and Bullbrook.

Dr. Jamison, recalled, said in answer to his Honor that deceased weighed about 13st. The fall from a sitting position described by Constable Taylor would have been sufficient to cause great injuries to the brain and fracture of the skull sufficient to cause death.

The Crown Prosecutor said that in the face of this evidence he did not feel justified in pursuing the case.

His Honor, then addressing the jury, said that it was quite possible that the injuries which caused the death of Bingham were caused by that fall after the brother, in his natural desire to help the deceased, had assisted to raise him up. He must direct the jury if they were satisfied to return a verdict of not guilty.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the accused were discharged.

The Court adjourned to the next day.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, December 12.

Banco Court, St. James's-road, Sydney.—At 10 a.m.: Malouf v. John (part heard). At 12 noon: Hamilton v. Hordern. Notice.—The jurors in attendance at Banco Court (except those engaged in the part heard case) need not attend until 12 noon. The jurors engaged in the above part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Campbell v. Railway Commissioners (part heard). At 11 a.m.: Scott v. Denney, Little v. Tindale, Brown v. Casey. Notice.—The jurors in attendance at No. 1 Jury Court (except those engaged in the part heard case) need not attend until 11 a.m. The jurors engaged in the above part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street, Sydney.—Cooper v. Scottish Australian Mining Company (part heard), Orme, Keigwin, and Co. v. Greig, Galvin v. M'Cann, Johnstone v. Smith, Porter v. Nicholson.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Ex parte Travers, prohibition; O'Keefe v. Murray, to amend pleas.

In Equity.—Before the Master in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Company and Lunacy matters. At 12 noon: National Mutual Life Association v. Cohen, to proceed on inquiry; same v. same, ditto. At 2 p.m.: Minister for Works and Bishop of Newcastle, to approve of title and settle mortgage. At 2.30 p.m.: Minister for Works and Webb, No. 305, to report on title; Fraser v. White, to settle draft certificate. At 3 p.m.: Dubbo Refrigerating Company and Companies Act, to settle minutes of certificate; Speer v. Henderson, to settle minutes of order. At 3.15 p.m.: Minister for Works and N. Johnson, to approve of investments. At 3.30 p.m.: Stewart v. Harvey, to settle minutes of order. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Minister for Works and L. Smith, to tax costs. At 12 noon: Re trusts of M. L. Nelson, to tax costs; re trusts of A. L. Nelson, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Smelting Company of Australia v. Haege, to tax costs. Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally; re Minister for Works and claim of Gordon, part heard; re Adamson, deceased, petition for sale, part heard; Melliday v. M'Mahon, motion for order in terms of settlement; same v. same, motion for injunction; Griffin v. Carter, part heard; George Church v. Gibson, motion to refer to arbitration; George v. M'Intyre, originating summons; re J. Pearce, trusts of indenture of, and Trustee Act, 1898, motion for appointment of new trustee; Martin v. Martin, motion for four-day order; re estate of W. H. Penprase and others, infants, and Charter of Justice and Equity Act, 1901, summons for appointment of guardian and for maintenance; London Bank of Australia v. Brown, motion for decree on admissions; Parker v. Wright, motion to approve of sale; Borough of Randwick v. Walker, motion for decree; Debney v. Merry, motion to show cause why security should not be paid; Shepherd v. Coxon, originating summons; Makinson v. Clarke, motion for directions as to probate duty; Queensland Smelting Company, Limited, v. New Pinnacle Group Silver Company, motion to re-open foreclosure; Minister for Works and Ven. Archdeacon Langley and others, petition for payment out; Mutual Life Assurance Society v. St. George's Hall Company, originating summons; Macnamara v. Macnamara, motion for decree; J. Underwood, deceased, re will of, and Underwood Estate Act and account No. 1, summons for payment out; John Horo, deceased, and Conveyancing Act, summons to appoint guardian; re Jonathan M'Lean and C. and L. P. Act, petition for power to sell.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Probate Judge.—Motions for probate and administration; motions to pass accounts and for commissions; motions to sell real estate; miscellaneous motions. Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: L. C. Cox, 10; John Cantrell, 10.15; James S. Mitchell, 10.30; Thomas Hayes, 11.15; James Powell, 12; Ellis Angus Jacobs, 12.15; Joseph S. Braim, 12.30. Before the Registrar.—Geo. de V. Pilcher, 2.30 (order for taxation); Annie Hegarty, 3 (to settle minutes of order).

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce.—In No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10: Parkes v. Parkes, Billerwell co-respondent (part heard).

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m., certificate applications: Charles Dobson, Ernst Hjalmar Frederick Fromen, Lawson Charles Guest, Robert Henry de Winton M'Kie trading as Robert Henry Bryant, Sydney John Broomfield. Creditors' petitions: John Alexander Ong and James Henry Charlesworth v. George Dyer, J. B. Tickle and Son v. Maurice Hirst White and Prosper Johnson trading as M. H. White and Co. Single Meetings: William Ray, Joseph Corbett, Margaret Isabel James, Richard William Pearson. Public Examination: William Edward Warren. Motion under Section 61: Edwin Lloyd. Examination under Section 30: Charles Alfred Dunn. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.: Selma Marie Cook, taxation of petitioning creditor's costs.

IN THE COURT OF ARBITRATION.—Friday, December 12.

No. 4 Court, Supreme Courthouse, King-street, Sydney. Before the President, at 10 a.m.—Application under section 12: In the matter of an application by Archibald Fraser, authorised to sue on behalf of the industrial union styled the Professional Musicians' Association of Australasia, industrial union of employees, against Charles Becker, of Formosa-street, Drummoyne, a member of the said union, and in the matter of the rules of the said union. In the matter of an application by Archibald Fraser, authorised to sue on behalf of the industrial union styled the Professional Musicians' Association of Australasia, industrial union of employees, against Herbert Summerhayes Jeboult, of 99 Green's-road, Moore Park, a member of the said union, and in the matter of the rules of the said union.

Before the President and Members.—Applications for enforcement of award: In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Sydney and Suburban Breadcarters' Union, industrial union of employees, claimant, and William Langer, respondent, and of an order made thereon and dated the fifth day of September, 1902; and in the matter of an application by Henry Charles Hilliard, the secretary for the time being of the Sydney and Suburban Master Bakers' Association, industrial union of employers, that the said order may be enforced against John Roberts, of Piper and Young streets, Annandale, a member of the said claimant union. In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Sydney and Suburban Breadcarters' Union, industrial union of employees, claimant, and William Langer, respondent, and of an order made thereon and dated the fifth day of September, 1902, and in the matter of an application by William Edgar Stores, the secretary for the time being of the claimant union, that the said order may be enforced against Andrew M'Kye, of Ernest and West streets, North Sydney, master baker.

For Hearing.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Undertakers' Employees and Assistants' Union of New South Wales, industrial union of employees, claimant, and the Master Undertakers' Association, industrial union of employers, respondent (part heard).

COURT OF MARINE INQUIRY.—Friday, December 12.
(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse and Assessors.)
In No. 1 District Court, at 11 a.m.
Re the Korumah.

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, December 12.
(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse, at 10 a.m.)

Causes.—Booker v. Husband (for judgment), Swinton v. Hooper (part heard), Ingle v. Hamilton (part heard). Motions generally: Paterson, Laing, and Bruce, Limited, v. Cooke, Ross v. Armstrong, Godfrey v. M'Kellar, Perry and another v. Jones, Turner v. Scott, Green v. Lambert, Walker v. Haslem, Withey v. Goulding, Brady v. Lochead, Nelson and another v. May, Godfrey v. Powell, Henry Bull and Co., Limited, v. Freeman, Pashley v. King, Vider v. Bennett, Godfrey v. Bradley (Viles garnishee), M'Neil v. Gray (Borough of Petersham garnishee).

(Before his Honor Judge Murray, in No. 2 Court, at 10 a.m.)
Motion: Bank of New South Wales v. Ellis.
(Before the Registrar.)
Meyer ats Davis, 10.30; Martin and another v. Stewart, 10.15; Eyre v. Robinson and another, 11.5.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.—Friday, December 12. Harry Levy, receiving; Ethel M'Cure, stealing.

POLICE COURTS.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday Thomas Smith, 36, labourer, was charged, on remand, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., with attempting to drown May Haymarsh with intent to murder. He was committed for trial at next sittings of the Criminal Court. At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., Horace Booth, alias Higson, alias Thomas, alias Dickson, 19, a stable boy, Sydney Warwick Moen, alias Mooney, alias Morven, alias Moon, alias Woods, 23, a labourer, and William Guilfoyle, 16, a newsboy, appeared to answer a charge of stealing in company at North Sydney on December 4 a tin cashbox containing £6, papers, and other articles, of the total value of £7, the property of Kate M'Connell, licensee of Dind's Hotel, Alfred-street, North Sydney. Each of the accused was committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed each of the accused, self in £80 and two sureties of £40 each. At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., Robert Robinson, 32, dealer, was committed for trial on a charge of having broken and entered the warehouse of B. B. Nicoll, of 33 Rowe-street, between the 5th and 11th instant, and stolen therein 3250 cigars in boxes of 50 each, one case of brandy, and four bottles of champagne, to the total value of £25.

Assault.—J. Benville, 31, fireman, was charged at the Central Police Court yesterday with unlawfully assaulting G. Hickson on October 27. He was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £20 and one surety of £20, in default three months' imprisonment.

SCHOOL VACATIONS.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Holy Cross College, Ryde, took place yesterday afternoon at the Queen's Hall, Pitt-street. There was a large attendance, and upon the platform were the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Kelly), the Rev. Father Andrew O'Dwyer (president of the college), Ven. Archpriest Sheehy, Rev. Fathers Collins, P.P., Fleming, Izzirzo, Yazbeck, Nulty, S.J., Dahdah, Brothers Patrick, Bernard, Benignus, Thomas, Colonel Lassetter, and others.

A programme of vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with recitations and physical exercises, was carried out by the scholars, after which the boys presented the president of the college with an illuminated address expressive of the appreciation of the students for the thought and care of their principal in conducting their studies. The Rev. Father Andrew O'Dwyer suitably responded.

The Archbishop, having distributed the prizes, congratulated masters and boys on the success achieved during the past year. It had afforded him great pleasure to be present, and he assured them that the items on the programme were an efficient test of progress in all branches of education. The great thing they should aim at was thoroughness in their work. It was not well that they should acquire a superficial knowledge of something, but rather the truth about everything tending to their advantage. They must honour God by loving one another for His sake. There was nothing more abused than religion, which was on many hands reduced to an element of discord between people. In his opinion nothing was more blasphemous than such a view of religion. That baneful word sectarianism should be consigned to the Pacific Ocean. It was most important that they should be well equipped for the future that opened before them, therefore let them perfect themselves by using their time to advantage.

Archpriest Sheehy moved a vote of thanks to the Archbishop for his presence, and after Colonel Lassetter had seconded the resolution it was carried by acclamation, and the Archbishop briefly responded.

The following is the prize list:—

Special Prizes.—For good conduct, gold medal (awarded by the Patrician Brothers), J. A. Ryan; success in recent junior University examinations, J. L. Hatton; University examinations, J. A. Ryan; University examination, T. Spillane; pass in recent junior University examination, G. M. Ryan; progress in violin, gold medal (awarded by Mr. A. Kuaz), T. Hughes; piano, silver medal (awarded by Mr. R. G. Moon), L. Ferris; gymnastics, medal (awarded by Mr. Renshaw), D. Brown.

Public Service Class.—Christian Doctrine: J. L. Hatton, T. Spillane, J. A. Ryan. Latin: J. Biesaker, G. Reidy, J. Barraket. French: J. Barraket, G. Reidy, F. Davis. Penmanship and dictation: J. A. Ryan, G. Reidy, G. M. Ryan. English history: T. Spillane, J. A. Ryan, J. L. Hatton. English: J. L. Hatton, J. A. Ryan, T. Spillane. Inorganic chemistry: J. A. Ryan, J. L. Hatton, T. Spillane. English composition: T. Spillane, J. A. Ryan, J. L. Hatton. Geography and reading: J. A. Ryan, T. Spillane, G. M. Ryan. Mathematics: J. L. Hatton, J. A. Ryan, G. M. Ryan.

Other prizes in the junior preparatory, fifth, fourth, and third classes were awarded.

WAHROONGA PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Yesterday the annual speech day in connection with the Wahroonga Preparatory School was held in the Presbyterian Hall, Wahroonga. There was a very large attendance, most of the principal residents in the district being represented. Sir James Fairfax presided. On the platform were:—Rev. J. K. Bruce, Rev. N. J. Cocks, the principal (Mr. Walter Treleavan, M.A., B.Sc.), and Mr. T. R. Davis. The principal, in his report, reviewed the year's work and comprehensively dealt with the students' duties in their preparatory work. The chairman, in the course of his remarks, referred more particularly to the young scholars, and urged on them their future responsibilities. During the afternoon Mrs. Walter Treleavan contributed several pianoforte selections. During the proceedings Pitt, on behalf of his comrades, presented the principal with a silver inkstand, accompanied with a silver photograph frame for Mrs. Treleavan, which were suitably acknowledged. The Rev. N. J. Cocks proposed a vote of thanks to Sir James Fairfax for presiding, which was carried by acclamation. Refreshments were served, and the guests separated, having spent an enjoyable afternoon. Sir James Fairfax presented the prizes to the students as follow:—

Division Prizes.—Latin: Division I., Pockley II.; division II., Burge; division III., Saddington II.; division IV., Bray I. English: Division I., Pockley II.; division II., Bray I.; division III., Thomson. French: Division I., Pockley II.; division II., Darley; division III., Luff; division IV., Thomson. Geography: Division I., Jackson; division II., Saddington I. Arithmetic: Division I., Charles I.; division II., Pockley III.; division III., Luff; division IV., Thomson; division V., Martin. Algebra: Pockley I. Geometry: Pockley II. Writing: Saddington I.

Examination Prizes.—Latin: M'Cullough. Arithmetic: Division I., Fuller; division II., Parkes; division III., Nettleton; division IV., Minter II.

Class Work Prizes.—Arithmetic: Minter I. French: Pitt.

Music: Roberts. Gymnastics: Pockley II.

THE DRINK—PAR EXCELLENCE.
Fry's Cocoa. Be sure you get Fry's.—Advt.

CRICKET.

THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN v. NEW SOUTH WALES THIRTEEN.

THE CLOSING MATCH OF THE TOUR.

The Australian Eleven, who have just returned from their tour in England and South Africa, will commence the closing scene of their career at the Sydney Cricket Ground to-day. This will be their 46th match since they landed in England in April last, and of the 45 played they can boast of the extraordinary record of having lost but two. There is no necessity here to dilate upon the successes enjoyed by the team; suffice it to say that the above results were achieved by steadiness, application to the task in hand, and combination supported by individual merit and excellent generalship. In Great Britain 39 contests were played, 23 were won, 2 were lost, and 14 were drawn. In South Africa 3 were won and 3 drawn.

It was originally intended that the Australian Eleven would be called upon to meet a team representing the Rest of Australia. It was thought that such a fixture would be a particularly interesting one, especially if the "Rest" happened to be victorious over the eleven who had vanquished England twice out of three decided engagements. It was urged that it would show English people that we had good men in Australia outside of those who made such fame comparatively recently in England. All hope of that was, however, destroyed by the dissatisfaction resultant from the selection of the eleven to represent the Rest of Australia, the outcome of which was that the original fixture was abandoned, and the Australian Eleven were asked to meet 13 of New South Wales instead.

There have been several matches between past Australian Elevens and colonial odds, the first taking place at Brisbane in November, 1877, when the first team defeated 18 by an innings and 3 runs; this was the first engagement of that tour. Fifteen of New South Wales, 18 of South Australia, 15 of New South Wales and Victoria combined, twice (the result of the first was a tie and the second was won by the eleven by four wickets); eighteen of Victoria and fifteen of Canterbury at Christchurch (the eleven lost by six wickets)—were the principal engagements before that team left Australia. It may be mentioned as interesting that in the tie match the eleven had four wickets to fall when the scores were equal. On their return from England the first eleven were defeated by fifteen of New South Wales, but they were fresh off sea. That was the match in which Bailey (Tasmania) broke his arm. Various other Australian Elevens have played matches on their return from England. A general improvement is to be noted in the cricket of those players outside the eleven, for the odds have worked down from eighteen to thirteen.

The rain which fell yesterday may be expected to render the wicket in favour of the bowlers. The public would have preferred to have seen the Australians in their best batting form under conditions favourable to long scores, but it is feared that the wicket after the rain is sure to be soft.

The New South Wales Thirteen have been chosen as under. The Australian Eleven will not be decided upon until this morning.

The teams are:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.	N.S.W. THIRTEEN.
J. Darling	J. Cuffe
C. Hill	A. Diamond
E. Jones	N. Ebsworth
H. Trumble	B. W. Farquhar
J. V. Saunders	W. S. Duff
W. W. Armstrong	C. Gregory
M. A. Noble	R. Hickson
V. Trumper	T. Howard
J. J. Kelly	W. S. Loveridge
S. E. Gregory	J. Marsh
H. Carter	A. M'Beath
W. Howell	J. Mackay
R. A. Duff	L. W. Pye
A. J. Hopkins	C. Hogue (14th)

Two of the Australians to stand down will probably be S. E. Gregory and H. Carter; the third will no doubt depend on the condition of the wicket at noon to-day.

The umpires are Messrs. R. Callaway and A. C. Jones. Play will begin at noon, the luncheon adjournment will be from 1.30 to 2.15, afternoon tea will be taken from 4 to 4.15, and stumps will be drawn at 6 o'clock. We are requested to say that members must produce their tickets.

R. A. DUFF AND A. J. HOPKINS WELCOMED HOME.

The welcome home accorded to Messrs. A. J. Hopkins and R. A. Duff (members of the Australian team of cricketers) by their clubmates of the North Sydney District Club last night at the local School of Arts was of a most cordial and enthusiastic character, and evidenced the regard in which they were held by members and officers by whom the reunion was organised. The gathering was a thoroughly representative one, and completely filled the spacious hall.

The Mayor of North Sydney (Alderman T. W. Hodgson) occupied the chair, and in addition to the guests of the evening there were seated at the main table Messrs. Noble, Kelly, Hill, and Saunders (members of the Australian Eleven), E. M. Clark, M.L.A., several of the North Sydney aldermen, and Messrs. A. E. Whatmore and A. Mitchell (hon. secretaries of the movement). The function took the form of a smoke concert, and a capital programme of a varied and entertaining nature was provided and thoroughly appreciated.

During the interval the chairman extended to Messrs. Hopkins and Duff, on behalf of the members of the North Sydney Club and residents, a hearty welcome on their return, and he congratulated them as members of the Australian team. He also spoke highly of the personal merits of their guests, and said they were worthy citizens of the suburb in which they had developed their cricketing powers. (Applause.) He had a very pleasing duty to perform on behalf of their clubmates—to present to each a small token of the esteem and regard in which they were held. To Mr. Hopkins he presented a diamond scarf-pin and to Mr. Duff a diamond ring. Mr. Hodgson also welcomed amongst them the other members of the Australian team who had attended to assist in honouring their guests.

Mr. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., and Mr. P. C. Charlton also delivered complimentary speeches, and Messrs. Noble, Hill, Kelly, and Saunders bore testimony to the play of Messrs. Hopkins and Duff, who under adverse circumstances had played as veterans. (Cheers.)

Messrs. Hopkins and Duff suitably responded.

WAVERLEY CLUB.

WELCOME TO S. E. GREGORY AND CARTER.

A large gathering of members of the Waverley District Cricket Club welcomed Messrs. S. E. Gregory and H. Carter back from England last night, when a social gathering took place at the Grand Hotel, Ebley-street, Waverley. Mr. A. J. Waterhouse (president) occupied the chair, and was supported by the guests of the evening. The chairman welcomed the members back from England in a felicitous speech, and referred to the signal success of the Australian Eleven throughout the tour. He proposed the health of Messrs. S. E. Gregory and H. Carter. This was supported by Messrs. T. Jessep, M.L.A., A. C. Hewlett, W. A. Firth, A. C. K. Mackenzie, F. Pemell, and H. Hewlett, and received with enthusiasm.

Messrs. Gregory and Carter each acknowledged the toast, and in replying spoke of the good feeling that existed amongst the team whilst on tour. They referred more particularly to the test matches and the excitement that at times was shown by the spectators.

Other toasts followed, and were interspersed with songs, &c.

RECEPTION TO TRUMPER.

The public reception to be tendered Victor Trumper, under the auspices of the Crown-street School Old Boys' Union, takes place in the Sydney Town Hall to-night. Mr. Arthur Mason, City Organist (who is an old boy), will give an organ recital at 7.30. The Lord Mayor will preside at 8. A first-class musical programme will be contributed by Misses Maud Fitzstubbs, Nellie Pointing, Elsie Peerless, and Ruby Faulkner; Messrs. C. H. Pauwels, Charles Ritchie, E. Stevenson, William Walsh, W. Pursehouse, Harry Wilkie, and Herr Schienpflug, and the Meistersingers. Addresses of welcome will be given by the Hon. Sir John See (State Premier), Right Hon. G. H. Reid, K.C., M.P. (president New South Wales Cricket Association), and Mr. D. Levy, M.L.A. (an old boy and vice-president of the union). Mr. Levy will also make the presentation on behalf of the past and present teachers and students of the Crown-street Superior Public School. For the information of intending patrons, it is notified that morning dress is to be worn. A flashlight photograph is to be taken during the evening. A souvenir programme, presented by Mr. C. H. Willmott, containing statistics of the tour of the Australian Eleven in England and South Africa, as well as some of Trumper's achievements on the cricket field will be given away.

REST OF AUSTRALIA SELECTION.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. IREDALE.

Mr. Laver at the meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association on Tuesday made a statement concerning the selection of the team to represent the Rest of Australia. A representative of the "Sydney Morning Herald" waited upon Mr. Iredale yesterday, and learned his statement of the case. It may be mentioned that Mr. Laver at the close of his remarks said that he could only conclude that it was all a matter of expense.

"I would like to say," remarked Mr. Iredale, "that I am not aware that I have disclosed any confidences whatever. It was stated at the meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association that I had dissented from the selection, and that I had disclosed certain confidences. I fail to see by dissenting that I committed a breach of confidence, considering I made no disclosures of correspondence. I certainly did state that I had dissented from the selection for the reason that I had no voice in the selection for the last three places. You see, we agreed upon eight men, then I submitted my four to complete the 12, and the next thing was I received two telegrams—one from Mr. Giffen, submitting his team, and the other from Mr. Laver, agreeing to Mr. Giffen's 11.

"Is there anything in Laver's statement that you urged the inclusion of a number of New South Wales players on the ground of saving expense?"

"Most decidedly no! I wrote in the first letter to Mr. Laver that where there were men of equal calibre preference should be given to men in this State. A perfectly legitimate course to pursue, and a suggestion that did not in any way tend to influence his judgment in picking the best team. While the statement of Mr. Laver is in substance correct, he certainly should have given the whole of the correspondence instead of part of it. The following extract from my first letter to him will show my position in the matter:—'In view of the fact that the expense will be heavy and borne principally by my association, I think, in the interests of justice, it is only fair that we should lessen the expenses of players. With that in view I think we may arrange that the extra players should be selected from this side, with, of course, due regard to the calibre of the men.' I then gave my co-selectors my choice of a side, asking their approval, or for any suggestions upon the selection. The side was as Mr. Laver states."

"Was there any point in bringing the emergency man from another State?"

"It would be simply absurd expense. I am sure most people will agree that the reserve man should have come from New South Wales. Where was the sense of bringing over a man from Adelaide or Melbourne to sit in the pavilion at the expense of the Australian Eleven, for whose benefit the match was to be partly played. All that the reserve man could do would be to field if required, and as showing the little importance to be attached thereto it very often happens that one of the opposing side goes out."

"Was there much difficulty in picking the team?"

"We had to do it all by correspondence, admittedly an arduous and unsatisfactory mode of selection at any time, but in this case Mr. Laver insisted upon the selection of eight Victorians to the very last. The eight Messrs. Giffen, Laver, and myself agreed upon finally were Laver, Worrall, Hastings, M'Alister, Warne, Giffen, Travers, and C. Gregory. The difficulty occurred afterwards. I would like to say that I had nothing whatever to do with the cancellation of the match."

"NOT A MATTER OF EXPENSE."

Mr. P. K. Bowden, secretary of the N.S.W.C.A., was asked if the match were cancelled on the ground of expense as concluded by Laver. He replied: "The match was abandoned simply because we did not think that New South Wales had received anything like fair play."

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday at the A.J.C. office:—Champagne Stakes, Derby, and St. Leger (1904): Havers, Fieldgun. St. Leger (1903): Positive. Derby and St. Leger (1903): Clarus.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday in connection with the December meeting at Rosehill:—Clyde Stakes: Glenara, Hello. Granville Stakes: Mindaribba, Graceton.

The outer half of the middle grass track at Randwick was again in use yesterday morning, and on it Lucknow and Purser began the fast work with a mile in 1 minute 49 seconds, while Bengalla and Simile did a stout working gallop over a furlong further. At the end of a mile, run in 1 minute 49 seconds, Redeemed on sufferance led Aurantia and Steelbusk; and Idolise ran seven furlongs nicely in 1 minute 36 seconds. Speechless put a mile past in 1 minute 51 seconds, a distance which Cordon and Irondale ran in a second faster time. Blue Metal did easy pacing, and there was little to choose between Barbary and Angelo at the finish of six furlongs, run in 1 minute 23 seconds. Gratia did some sparring. Ben Hur reversed Tuesday's running by beating Long Tom by half a length over a mile in 1 minute 48 seconds, and Bivalve defeated Rejoice at the finish of seven furlongs, which occupied 1 minute 36 seconds. Bassani and Dumont ran up five furlongs in 1 minute 7½ seconds, and Ibex did cantering exercise. Bother knocked off six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds, and Philadelphus accounted for a similar journey in fair time. Athena and Lady Lettice ran down half a mile in 53 seconds, and South Head led Farnworth over five furlongs in 1 minute 8 seconds. Caravel traversed nine furlongs in 2 minutes 4½ seconds, and at the right end of five furlongs, run in 1 minute 6½ seconds, Lander was slightly in front of Zue and Rewina. Alannah and Wyena rattled over six furlongs in 1 minute 22½ seconds, a record that High Jinks and Incision equalled. Famous was half a length in front of Prince Butler at the finish of six furlongs, run in 1 minute 21 seconds, and after a good tussle Dottswood defeated Jumbo B and Hello over a similar distance in 1 minute 20 seconds. La Simmer beat La Blaise over five furlongs in 1 minute 8 seconds, whilst Lady Jewel, Uneasy, and Horace each did useful mile work, and Guardsman ran a mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 24 seconds. British Rule and Katoomba ran up half a mile in 52½ seconds, and after losing three lengths at the start Velox got level with Grafnia at the end of a similar journey, run in 53 seconds. Euston comfortably beat Ishtar over six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds, and Kinglock ran a mile solo—beginning at worse than even time he gradually increased the pace to full speed, and accounted for the distance in 1 minute 54 seconds. Silver Forest rattled over a mile with a very light weight up, and Sir Leonard cantered. Undaunted went round at half pace, and Yuranigh ran a mile in 1 minute 54½ seconds, while Ossian, easing up over the last furlong, ran nine in 2 minutes 5½ seconds. On the tan Cimmaron and Keen ran a mile and a quarter, and Amyas half a mile, while fair six-furlong gallops were executed by Mendora and Point Piper.

Arrangements have been made to have the results of the cricket match wired direct from the ground, and posted at Rosehill in both Leger and paddock reserves at intervals of 10 minutes on Saturday.

The three mares selected at the Fulham Park sale by Mr. Archie Yuille for Mr. Charles Baldwin, of Durham Court, arrived in Sydney by steamer yesterday morning, and were taken charge of by P. Nolan, who will send them on by rail to Durham Court to-day. The mares are unquestionably an acquisition to this State.

Mr. Donnellan has lodged an appeal with the New South Wales Trotting Club against the 12-months disqualification placed on Haroldeen on Wednesday. The appeal will be considered this evening.

The pony and galloway races set down for decision yesterday at Brighton were, owing to the rain, postponed until to-day. The first event starts at 2.45 p.m., and a special train will leave Redfern station at 1.55 p.m.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-day with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next. Particulars of the programme will be found in the advertising columns.

The secretary, Mr. E. G. James, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Forest Lodge on Monday next. The card appears in the business columns.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next, and entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Bateman, at 5 p.m. to-day. The programme will be found in the business sheets.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son will offer for sale at noon to-day at their bazaar a chestnut filly, 13 hands, 3 years, by Young Friar, and the bay mare J.C., 14 hands, by Young Piscator from a mare by Rupert.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

APPOINTMENT OF STIPENDIARY STEWARDS.

The committee of the Australian Jockey Club held a meeting yesterday, extending from 2.30 p.m. to 11 p.m., to consider the selection of three stipendiary stewards to supervise racing in the metropolitan radius, in accordance with the new rule recently confirmed at a general meeting of members. The position carries with it a salary of £500 a year each. The applications numbered over 130. The committee had an arduous task before it in weighing the relative merits of the different applicants, and a final decision was not arrived at until close upon nine hours had been given in deliberation on the matter, when the selection fell on Messrs. A. W. Pearson, A. W. Hutton, and J. B. Witham.

Mr. Pearson is a recognised racing authority in Victoria, and frequently officiates at meetings round Melbourne. Mr. Hutton has a deal of experience of racing in this State, especially in the country districts, where he has adjudicated at meetings for many years. Mr. Witham is a well-known frequenter of race meetings about Sydney, and also in the country, and has had a long experience in the sport.

FOREST LODGE PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Despite the rain yesterday there was a good attendance at the pony and galloway races held at Forest Lodge. Subjoined are the details:—

Trial Welter (all heights) of 10 sovs., 3½ furlongs.—J. Cleary's Rusty, by Rossley (imp.), dam unknown, aged, 8st 10lb (S. Whitbread), 1; Nellie, 8st 3lb, including 3lb. over, 2; Countess, 9st, 3. Seven started. Betting: Even money on Rusty, 6 to 4 v. Nellie, 3 to 1 v. Countess, 5 to 1 v. The Drone. Won by three lengths. Time, 43½ seconds.

Thirteen-one Handicap of 10 sovs., 3½ furlongs.—A. Elliott's Ionie (late White Star), by Inverary—Tiney, 4 years, 10st (S. Whitbread), 1; Scraps, 9st 4lb, 2; Merry Boy, 8st, 3. Five started. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Ionie, 2 to 1 v. Merry Boy, 4 to 1 v. Queenie. Won by a length. Time, 48½ seconds.

Forest Lodge Handicap (all horses) of 10 sovs, 4 furlongs.—J. Hurby's O. K. II., by Monmouth—dam unknown, aged, 8st 9lb (E. Busch), 1; Slogger, 11st, 2; Tummy, 8st 3lb, 3. Seven started. Betting: even money on Slogger, 3 to 1 each v. O. K. II. and Belmore Maid, 5 to 1 each v. Tummy and Romping Girl. Won by a length. Time, 50½ seconds.

Fourteen Hands Handicap of 10 sovs., 3½ furlongs.—R. Surman's J.C., by Young Piscator, 6 years, 7st 7lb (W. Brewer), 1; Barcarolle, 8st, including 2lb over, 2; Friendship, 8st 3lb, including 3lb over, 3. Five started. Betting: Even money on Miss Oracle, 2 to 1 v. Highlander; 3 to 1 v. Barcarolle, 5 to 1 v. J.C. Won by two lengths. Time, 47 seconds.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 10 sovs., 3½ furlongs.—F. Burns's Tummy, by Farewell—Queen Bee, 4 or 5 years, 9st 3lb (F. Burns), 1; Maritana, 9st 7lb, 2; Countess, 7st, 3. Three started. Betting: 2 to 1 on Maritana, 2 to 1 v. Tummy, 4 to 1 v. Countess. Won by a length and a half. Time, 46 seconds.

NEWCASTLE TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The first day's racing of the Newcastle Tattersall's Club annual cup meeting was held to-day. The secretary (Mr. L. Solomons) carried out the arrangements in a highly satisfactory manner, but unfortunately the weather was wet and stormy, interfering with a large attendance, that would otherwise undoubtedly have rewarded his efforts. Results:—

Opening Handicap of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. W. Rouse's b g Camden, by Beauchamp—Belvorina, 5 years, 7st (W. H. Smith), 1; Mr. J. O'Donnell's b m Miss Minerva, aged, 8st 10lb (Simmons), 2; Mr. J. Platt's b m Panara, 4 years, 6st 7lb (O'Connor), 3. Other starters: Scots Guard, 9st 3lb; Atholstone, 8st 10lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Camden, 5 to 2 v. Scots Guard, 4 to 1 v. Miss Minerva, 5 to 1 v. Atholstone, 10 to 1 v. Panara. The race was run in heavy rain. Camden entered the straight alongside the rails and won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds.

Pace Welter of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Messrs. White's b m Silk, by Lochiel—Ribbons, 4 years, 9st 8lb (W. Atkins), 1; Mr. E. C. Naylor's ch g Boatswain, 6 years, 7st 7lb (M'Crimmon), 2; Mr. W. Richmond's b g Tarik, 4 years, 8st 3lb (Walker), 3. Other starter: Gentleman Jim, 10st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Silk, 5 to 2 v. Tarik, 3 to 1 v. Gentleman Jim, 10 to 1 v. Boatswain. Gentleman Jim led to the pigeon grounds, but for the last furlong the race was between Silk and Boatswain, the former just succeeding in getting home. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds.

Miners' Handicap of 60 sovs., 1 mile.—Mr. W. Murray's br g Moseltaub, by Australian Peer—Good Luck, 4 years, 7st 6lb (W. H. Smith), 1; Mr. G. Sternbeck's b g Inkstand, aged, 6st 10lb (F. Cush), 2; Mr. D. L. Lewis's br g Tatterdemalion, 4 years, 6st 10lb (M'Intyre), 3. Other starters: Lanoline, 8st 12lb; Sardius, 8st 8lb; Devilment, 8st 4lb; The Kiss, 8st; Lady Laura, 8st; Zanzibar, 7st; Lord Pitsford, 6st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Sardius, 4 to 1 v. Devilment, 5 to 1 v. Lady Laura, 6 to 1 v. Moseltaub, 8 to 1 v. Lanoline, 10 to 1 v. others. Won easily by five lengths. Time, 1 minute 44 seconds.

Park Stakes of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. S. Reynolds' br m Ranee, by Goldsbrough—Agra, 5 years, 8st 10lb (M'Carthy) †; Mr. T. Mullins ch g Crockett, by Russalf—Ella, 3 years, 6st 7lb (O'Connor) †; no third was placed. Other starters: Tarik, 8st 3lb; Onnella, 7st 10lb; Loch Spey, 7st 10lb; Cornwallis, 7st 10lb; Loch Ray, 6st 7lb; Patmos, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Loch Spey, 5 to 2 v. Crockett, 6 to 1 v. Ranee. Ranee jumped away with a strong lead, which was held to near the turn, where Crockett ran in front, and both raced on even terms up the straight. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds.

Welter Handicap of 30 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Mr. T. F. Harvey's br g Naples, by Metal—dam by Tarquin, aged, 8st (Callinan), 1; Mr. J. Kingsley's b g Limerick Boy, aged, 8st 12lb (A. Quinn), 2; Mr. A. M'Innes's b g Cangon, 4 years, 8st (M'Carthy), 3. Other starters: Dromedary, 8st 4lb; Cuperite, 8st. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Naples, 7 to 4 v. Limerick Boy, 3 to 1 v. Dromedary, 6 to 1 v. Cangon. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 32 seconds.

WEIGHTS FOR SATURDAY.

Shorts Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Kalinga, 9st 12lb; Gentleman Jim, 9st 5lb; Scots Guard, 8st; Atholstone, 8st 8lb; Lady Laura, 8st 6lb; Gallina, 8st 6lb; Camden, 7st 12lb; Carnival, 7st 10lb; Ranee, 7st 10lb; Tarik, 6st 9lb.

Stewards' Mile.—Molly Butler, 9st 7lb; Limerick Boy, 9st 3lb; Field Gun, 8st 8lb; Colin Clink, 8st 3lb; First Barrel, 7st 7lb; Cuperite, 7st 7lb; La Mote, 7st 7lb; The Brush, 7st 7lb.

Borough Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Atholstone, 9st 7lb; Honeysuckle, 8st 10lb; Boatswain, 7st 10lb; Crockett, 7st 10lb; Cake Walk, 7st 7lb; Tarik, 7st 5lb; Loch Spey, 7st 5lb; Panara, 7st 3lb; Onnella, 7st; The Junction, 7st; Cornwallis, 7st; Patmos, 6st 12lb; First Prize, 6st 10lb; Haggis, 6st 7lb; Loch Ray, 6st 7lb.

Farewell Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Lanoline, 9st 8lb; Sardius, 9st 7lb; Moseltaub, 9st 7lb; Gallina, 8st 11lb; Lady Laura, 8st 11lb; Molly Butler, 8st 11lb; Naples, 8st 11lb; Incision, 8st 6lb; The Kiss, 8st 6lb; Zanzibar, 8st; Carnival, 8st; Ranee, 8st; Beaufort, 7st; Cuperite, 7st; Lord Pitsford, 7st; Patmos, 7st.

NARRABRI HOSPITAL RACES.

SECOND DAY.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

The hospital benefit race meeting was concluded to-day. Slight showers of rain fell at intervals. The attendance was only fair. Following are the results:—

Convalescent Handicap of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. J. Lamkins's b g Sourbred, aged, 8st 12lb (Stafford), 1; Mr. B. M. Houseman's b g Buchu (late Dreyfus), 5 years, 8st 7lb (Kenny), 2; Mr. T. Connolly's b g Valiant, 5 years, 8st 3lb (Sabine), 3. Other starters: Viscount, 9st 3lb; Markham, 8st 7lb. Betting: Even money on Valiant, 2 to 1 v. Viscount, 3 to 1 v. Sourbred, 4 to 1 each v. Buchu and Markham. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 22 seconds.

Half-holiday Handicap of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. M. Smith's b g Monte Cristo, by Prime Minister—Unknown, 6 years, 8st 11lb (Grace), 1; Mr. J. M'Lellan's b g Mosaic, aged, 8st 6lb (Burrows), 2; Mr. R. Thurston's br g Bohemia, aged, 9st 11lb (Slattery), 3. Only three started. Betting: 6 to 4 on Mosaic, even money on Bohemia, 4 to 1 v. Monte Cristo. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 21 seconds.

Hack Race of 5 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. W. Edwards's blk g Uncle Tom, by Lord of the Valley—Unknown, aged, 8st 12lb (Kenny), 1; Mr. B. Harris's b g Velox, 6 years, 8st 10lb (Grace), 2; Mr. V. Kirkby's b g Louis d'Or, aged, 10st 5lb (Doyle), 3. Other starters: Sourbred, 9st 10lb; Maltese, 8st 11lb. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 21½ seconds.

Publicans' Purse of 30 sovs., 1 mile.—Mr. C. Hopper, jun.'s br h T.S., by Tester—Lochinvar mare, 3 years, 6st 12lb (B. Houseman), 1; Mr. J. Sabine's blk or br g Expense, 6 years, 7st 6lb (M'Innes), 2; Mr. B. Harris's br m Evangeline, 6 years, 8st 2lb, including 10lb penalty, (Grace), 3. Other starters: Goldlace, 7st 9lb; Repeater, 7st 4lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Goldlace, 3 to 1 each v. Evangeline and T.S., 4 to 1 v. Expense, 10 to 1 v. Repeater. Won by a head after a splendid race, with half a length between second and third. The favourite was last. Time, 1 minute 48½ seconds.

Ladies Satchel of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mrs. J. Sabine's ch g Viscount, by Dunlop—dam by Royal Consort, 5 years, 8st 7lb (Sabine), 1; Mrs. L. Byrnes's br g Bohemia, aged, 10st (Lillyman), 2; Mrs. J. M'Lellan's b g Mosaic, aged, 10st 8lb (Carter), 3. Uncle Tom II. also started. Betting: Even money on Mosaic, 6 to 4 v. Bohemia, 2 to 1 v. Uncle Tom II., 3 to 1 v. Viscount. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 20½ seconds.

Recovery Handicap of 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. M. Smith's b g Monte Cristo, by Prime Minister—Unknown, 6 years, 8st 8lb (Grace), 1; Mr. J. M'Lellan's b g Mosaic, aged, 7st 5lb (Burrows), 2; Mr. W. Kennedy's c m Goldlace, 5 years, 8st 4lb (Bushell), 3. Other starters: Expense, 8st 11lb; Louis d'Or, 7st 9lb; Valiant, 7st 8lb; Viscount, 8st 13lb; Velox Buchu, 6st 7lb. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

GOLF.

FORBES, Thursday.

Members of the golf club journeyed to Mr. Rand's Eulong station, six miles distant, yesterday, and played for a trophy presented by the patron, Mr. F. Roberts Gooch (scratch), 89 for 18 holes, had the best card. The games will conclude on Saturday.

CYCLING.

At a committee meeting of the Burwood Cycling Club held last evening Mr. W. Doman was elected hon. handicapper. Arrangements for the three-mile road race to be run on Saturday on the Burwood-Bankstown course were made. A members' night will be held in about a fortnight, at which the prizes won at recent road races will be presented. A five-mile road race will be held in March, and an eight-mile in January.

The handicaps for the three-mile road race are:—W. M'Kay, scratch; R. Hird, 15 seconds; P. Miller and J. H. Starr, 25; H. Byrnes and G. Moore, 35; J. Goulding and C. Burns, 35; C. Willetts, 140; T. W. Henderson and C. Grierson, 45; and W. Treloar, 1 minute.

THE ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.

The committee of the Anniversary Regatta met on Wednesday evening at the Australia Hotel. Dr. A. Burne presided. It was decided to reduce the entrance fee for the skiff club boats, as it was considered rather high and there would be a large number of these excellent boats competing. Conditions for the motor launch race were fixed. The race will start at 4.15 p.m., and will be run over the rowing course twice round. Intending competitors will have to give the length, beam, power, and other particulars of their launches, and the allowance will then be worked out by the rules laid down by "Rudder." The committee hopes to be able to get the P. and O. Company's Arcadia as flagship, but it will be a few days before anything definite is known. Several matters of detail were dealt with, and all matters connected with the regatta are well forward. The question of finances will be dealt with next week. A number of gentlemen have accepted positions as vice-presidents, and in many instances have forwarded donations. Mr. J. T. Toohey forwarded a cheque for £20 as additional prize money for the all-comers' handicap, the prizes for which are fixed at £30, £15, and £5. Both for rowing and sailing races larger entries than the average are expected.

SAILING.

PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB.

The monthly meeting of the Prince Alfred Yacht Club was held at the club rooms, Moore-street, last evening. The commodore, Mr. S. Hordern, presided over a large attendance of members. Before proceeding with the business of the evening the rear-commodore, Mr. C. T. Brockhoff, on behalf of the members, extended a hearty welcome to the commodore on his return to the State, and on calling for cheers they were enthusiastically given. Mr. Hordern responded, and thanked the members for the warmth of their reception. He then called upon Mr. Harris to say a few words. The committee of the anniversary regatta wrote asking for the co-operation of the club. Dr. Burne spoke in reference to the matter, and it was decided to do what could be done to ensure the success of the regatta. The question of motor-yacht racing was brought up and discussed, and it was stated that it was the intention of the club to provide such racing. The report of the sports committee was received, and showed that the winter tournaments had been an unprecedented success. Dr. Burne announced that a smoke concert would be held next Thursday, the 18th instant, to officially welcome the commodore, and that advantage would be taken of the occasion to present the prizes won at the winter games. Messrs. E. Strachan, H. T. Ivey, jun., and A. C. Saxton were elected members of the club.

PORT JACKSON SAILING SKIFF CLUB.

A meeting of the Port Jackson Sailing Skiff Club was held at the club rooms, Waterview Hotel, Rowntree-street, Balmain, on Tuesday night. The commodore (Mr. A. H. Littlejohn) presided over a large attendance of members. The prizes won in the last general handicap were handed over to the successful competitors, viz., Victor (V. Holmes), first; Esmeralda (C. Hayes), second; and Romp (A. J. Hanson), third. The secretary (Mr. George Bowen) moved the following motion: "That in all club events skiffs shall be sailed by their owners, provision being made, should the owner from any unavoidable cause be prevented from sailing his skiff, to provide a substitute to fill his place, subject to the committee's approval." The motion was carried almost unanimously. It was also decided to restrict the sail to the sail area, instead of length on boom only. Arrangements were made for the general handicap to be sailed over the Snail's Bay-Shark Island course to-morrow afternoon, the event being the last of the three sailed for points for Mr. C. P. Hill's trophy. Following are the skiffs entered, with their respective skippers and handicaps:—

Lina (F. A. Lomer), scratch; Rainbow (L. G. Murnin), and Victor (V. Holmes), 30 seconds; Frolic (E. Rodrick), and Esmeralda (C. Hayes), 1 minute; Oweenee (T. M. Banks), Romp (A. J. Hanson), Florrie (W. Rodrick), and Judy (J. C. Light), 2 minutes; Wren (J. Bennett), 5 minutes; Monza (A. L. Richards), 6 minutes; Novice (T. Phillips), 7 minutes.

SWIMMING.

ENTERPRISE SWIMMING CLUB.

At this club's carnival, to be held on Saturday, the mile championship of New South Wales will be decided. Four entries have been received, viz., R. Cavill (Pyrmont), W. J. Hobbs (East Sydney), H. Smith (Palace Emporium), Claude Corbett (Rockdale). The holder of the title is G. Read, and he also holds the record for this distance, viz., 24 minutes 46 1-5 seconds, put up at Farmer's baths, Domain, on April 18 last. The race promises to be a good one, as all the competitors are training hard, and are keen on this event. R. Cavill holds the Australasian championship, having won that event at Wanganui in February last. W. J. Hobbs is new to swimming in New South Wales, this being his first championship, but he has proved himself a stayer of exceptional quality by swimming three miles last month in very fast time. H. Smith is well known as a long distance swimmer, and should give a good account of himself. C. Corbett is reported to be swimming well and doing good times. For the inter-club handicap 96 entries have been received, and some good racing is assured. In this event A. Wickham, the South Sea Islander, who swam so well last Saturday, and C. Healy will compete.

Messrs. F. C. V. Lane and G. Read are due to arrive by the Medic at noon to-day. They will be welcomed by the N.S.W.A.S.A. at the Sports Club at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and by the East Sydney S. C., of which they are both members, at the Sports Club on Saturday evening.

WAGGA, Thursday.

The opening meeting of the Wagga Swimming Club was held yesterday. The principal events were won by G. Silverwood, W. Gramger, and A. Hawkes.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOSEPH M'KEWON, late of Goolma, near Wellington, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration de bonis non administratis of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN BYEON, the Stepson of the said deceased. And all notices may be served at the office of A. J. L. STOCKWELL, Lee-street, Wellington. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to furnish particulars of same to the undersigned. Notice is also given that application will be made herein to dispense with the usual administration bond and sureties. A. J. L. STOCKWELL, Proctor for the Administrator, Wellington. By his agent, H. A. LYONS, 84 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FRANK BOSWORTH, late of Sydenham, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRY INGHAM, the sole Executor in the said Will named, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom particulars of all claims against the said deceased are required to be forwarded within the said fourteen days. FREDERICK ROBERT BRETNALL, Proctor for the Executor, 84 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of PATRICK NONAN, late of Ultimo, in the State of New South Wales, Horsedriver, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WINIFRED NONAN, of 72 Foveaux-street, Surry Hills, the Widow of the abovenamed deceased; and all persons having any claims against the abovenamed deceased are required to forward same to the undersigned, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. ARTHUR MUDDLE, Proctor for the Administratrix, 130 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WALTER SEALE TYSON, late of Hay, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALBERT PRINCE EDMUND TYSON and CHARLES HIDGCOCK, the Executors named in the said Will. All notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors for Applicants, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ALBERT LANSLEY, late of Wagga Wagga, in the State of New South Wales, Veterinary Surgeon, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY EDITH LANSLEY, the Widow of the said deceased. And all notices may be served at Traill-street, Wagga Wagga. MARY EDITH LANSLEY.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS M'CLURE, late of Drumnakavil, in the County of Armagh, Ireland, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted to CHARLES COLLINS and ELLEN M'CLURE by the High Court of Justice in Ireland, King's Bench division (Probate), in respect of the above Estate, may be sealed with the seal of this Court; and all creditors are required to send in particulars of their claims to the office of the undersigned, where all notices may be served. SPARKE and MILLARD, Solicitors, Newcastle. By SPARKE and ANGUS, 113 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

The Deputy President (Mr. W. J. Trickett) took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

STORAGE AND SALE OF INFLAMMABLE SPIRITS AND OILS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, in reply to Mr. Creed, said that an Inflammable Liquids Bill dealing thoroughly with the control of inflammatory oils and spirits had been prepared, and had been submitted to a consultative committee of officials and persons interested. The proceedings of that committee were interrupted by pressure of other official work, and would be resumed at the earliest possible moment. It was known that there were a number of liquids (petroleum more especially) giving off highly inflammable vapours at a low temperature, and there was at present no legal means for controlling the storage of the same. The bulk of such spirits, however, in and about Sydney was stored in isolated places.

THIRD READING.

The Pastures Protection Bill was read the third time and returned to the Assembly.

INFANT PROTECTION BILL.

The debate on the motion for the second reading of this bill was resumed.

Sir ARTHUR RENWICK said that the bill would have influences of a far-reaching character, and many benevolent institutions would be affected by it. It was a matter of regret that it was not introduced at an earlier stage of the session, as it was a measure which required to be submitted to a select committee, so that all the details referred to by the hon. member, Dr. Mackellar, and other matters might be considered. He quite recognised that the hon. gentleman was sincerely anxious to see a decrease in infantile mortality in the interests of the State, but he thought that the bill would not accomplish in a satisfactory way the result he desired to achieve. No greater mistake could be committed than to suppose that the mortality among illegitimate children could be the same as in the case of legitimate children. As a rule women who bore illegitimate children could never be placed in the same circumstances as married women. They all knew also that in many cases extraordinary steps were taken to get rid of illegitimate children; and the mental condition of the mothers, and in a great number of cases their immature age, were factors in increasing the deaths of their unfortunate offspring. Then he thought the hon. gentleman had made a mistake in coupling the institutions which had been established for the care of children with baby farmers. The institutions which had been started for the care of children did the very best they could for these infants. They not only possessed boards composed of philanthropic ladies and gentlemen, but had medical gentlemen of large experience and skill attached to them. That was specially the case in regard to the Benevolent Asylum. Then, again, the absence of the maternal instinct in the bulk of these cases was a great factor in regard to the mortality among illegitimate children. Coming to the provisions of the measure, he thought it was beyond the scope of the State Children's Relief Board to take proceedings in order to compel the fathers of illegitimate children to support their offspring, and as to children's courts, that had already been provided for in the bill which the Attorney-General introduced. In any case this particular matter was a function of the Crown, and should not be introduced into a private bill. He also objected to the State Children's Relief Board having the power conferred by the bill over institutions established or used for the reception and care of infants. Some of these institutions were incorporated and were already subject to Government inspection. He also thought that a crowning insult contained in the bill was that the philanthropic persons who managed these institutions should be compelled to take out licenses. He thought that clause 4, providing for the care of children, was ultra vires. His impression was that it would be well for this bill to be postponed and another brought in in its place, taking care that persons working in institutions for the control and management of children should be persons of discretion and ability. If the hon. gentleman in charge of the bill could not see his way to adopt these suggestions, he would think it his duty to vote against the second reading.

Dr. NASH said he would like to have the opinion of the Attorney-General upon the legal aspects of the bill, because from what arose in the law courts it appeared to him that this bill contained an intricate problem, say, of proving the paternity of a child, and in which numbers of individuals had had a stigma placed upon them on the information of a single woman in a matter in which disproof was difficult. To place the Relief Board in the position of loco parentis would be one attended with considerable difficulty; but the previous speaker had dealt so fully with that part of the bill that nothing was needed from him. He thought an alteration ought to be made in the part referring to officers. It appeared to him that this part of the bill required amendment to the effect that it must be a properly qualified officer of the board, and not any officer of the board, who could act. He would be prepared to support an amendment in that direction. He believed the bill was intended to carry out a reform, though it was not properly framed, that was an absolute necessity at the present time. The last speaker had referred to the word "marasmus" in connection with a benevolent asylum. That word covered a large amount of ignorance. The word meant "wasting," and that to medical men was not one disease, but several diseases.

Dr. MACKELLAR: That is all I wished to convey.

Dr. NASH, continuing, said he considered that in the present state of society a bill of this kind was necessary in New South Wales. In regard to that part dealing with "inspector of institutions" Sir Arthur Renwick was right when he contended for such an official being specially educated and prepared to deal with subjects of this kind. He (Dr. Nash) had had a good deal to do with the Waitara Home somewhat officially in regard to a new building that it was proposed to erect on the grounds. He could tell the House that the object of the persons who constructed that home was to have a most modern kind of building where they could house both the mother and the infant during the first year of the child's life. As the result of their study medical men must back him up by saying that in the multitude of foods advertised for infants there is absolute proof of the inefficacy of any one for the desired result. It was the milk of the mother which was the essential food, and which if given to infants during the first year of their lives would save a large proportion of those who were now allowed to pass to the burying-ground. He intended to support the bill.

Sir NORMAND MACLAURIN said that something must be done to stop the existing evil. People were all agreed to the principle that the mother should have all necessary assistance if the father was not willing to give it. If a man were proved to be the father of the child, why should he not give her the necessary assistance? It was his duty to do it, and he should be made to pay in the interest of the State. He thought the principle of licensing any person who took a child from its mother ought to be accepted as proposed in the bill. There had been horrible cases of baby-farming, and perhaps some went on still, but that was only possible where people were allowed to bring up children without any provision for licensing. Let it be quite clear that the principle of the bill was that if people took charge of children they should be subject to inspection. The board might be trusted to see that the work was done properly, and if the conditions were not carried out then the licenses should be cancelled. If people would not do right, and would not obey an Act of Parliament, they must be enforced to do so. Section 4 was introduced into this bill inasmuch as the Attorney-General's bill might not be passed, but if that bill passed then the section must be struck out. The great mortality amongst children was excessive, and showed that there must be something horrible at work and it was the duty of the House to take some steps to stop the cause. He intended to support the bill.

Mr. HUGHES said he had come to the conclusion that the suggestions drawn up by Sir Arthur Renwick were most reasonable, and he would support that gentleman's proposals. He agreed with everything that had been said as to the terrible state of affairs involving child-life, and it was absolutely the duty of the Parliament to interfere to preserve lives that were being lost. In regard to this bill the difficulty to his mind was that no provision had been made for inspection to be done by a qualified person, and only such was fitted to do it. He thought that no one less qualified than a medical man should be appointed. He thought it would have been better if the Government had introduced the bill. The women must be protected, and the guilty father must be made to pay the penalty, but they ought not to pass a bill in a form that might lead to any injustice. He objected very strongly to power being given to any one but the mother of a child to lay an information against the putative father. The information should be laid in the first instance by the mother of the child, so that she could be made responsible if the oath proved to be false. He did not see any possibility of the bill passing this session, and therefore the hon. gentleman in charge of it might get the bill drawn up in a workmanlike manner, but he should be compelled to vote against the bill in its present form.

Dr. CREED supported the bill. He thought the House ought to pass the second reading of the bill, and make it workable in committee.

Mr. CHARLES said the system adopted in Italy was to keep the unfortunate woman in these institutions for six months after the birth of the child so that she might personally attend to it. He supported the motion.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said he quite concurred in the opinion expressed by other hon. members that there was no hope of passing the measure this session, and the hon. member might consider whether it would not be better to be content with the second reading of the bill, and resume its consideration next session. There were some portions of the bill which he could not support, and he viewed with considerable apprehension Part 2 of the measure, though with certain modification it might be made acceptable. It seemed to him that it would open the door, not necessarily to blackmailing, but to spiteful and unfounded charges against innocent persons. In the case of women who desired to obtain maintenance before the birth of the child, he thought the investigation should be by the State Children's Relief Board, who must be satisfied that the case was really one in which the girls' statement might be accepted. In regard to the inspection clauses, he personally had no objection to them, and as to the children's courts that principle had already been approved. The Government were preparing a large measure which was not quite completed for dealing with the questions embraced in the bill. It would have been introduced this session, but there was no chance of passing it at present, and it dealt with all these matters more fully, and he thought with greater safety than in the measure now before the House. No doubt the country was indebted to the hon. member in calling attention to the necessity of legislation in order to deal with the terrible mortality that existed among the infant population. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. HAWKEN said that the bill was a resurrection of an old English Act which perished because of the trouble it caused some 50 years ago. He thought the bill was a dangerous one, and he would therefore not vote for it.

Dr. MACKELLAR replied, and said he denied Sir Arthur Renwick's statement that there must necessarily be a greater proportion of deaths among illegitimate children than among legitimate children. Many of the deaths were the result of mismanagement to which the children were subjected, and the primary object of the bill was that the children born under these circumstances should be able to obtain the natural nourishment which was provided for other children. He also denied that the immaturity of the mothers was the cause of the large number of deaths among illegitimate children. No doubt every care was taken of the infants placed in various institutions, but the methods had been and were entirely wrong, and he had no hesitation in saying that the results would have been very much better if the system he advocated had been adopted. With regard to the mortality in institutions devoted to the care of infants he found that in the Infants' Home, Ashfield, during the last five years 216 children under the age of 1 year were admitted, and of that number 43 died and 173 survived. Under the State Children's Relief Act during the same period 126 children were cared for, and of this number 23 died and 103 survived. In the latter case the children were placed with mothers, who were selected by the State Children's Relief Board, and that bore ample testimony to the good management of Sir Arthur Renwick and the members of the board who acted with him. During the 10 years during which the State Children's Relief Act had been in force 4522 of these children had been born, and of these 1075 had died and 3447 had survived. In the Benevolent Asylum during the last four years 913 children were born, and during their first year 122 died and 791 survived. In the same institution for the same period 508 children had been admitted, and of these 144 had died and 364 survived. In the Waitara Foundling Asylum during the same period 529 infants had been admitted, and of this number 376 died and there had been 153 survivors. If any further proof was necessary in support of his contention that some supervision of these institutions was necessary he thought it would be furnished by these figures. He wished hon. members clearly to understand that he had no bias against any of these institutions, as no doubt they were trying to do their best, but the system adopted was in his opinion a bad one.

The bill was read the second time, taken into committee pro forma, and leave was given to sit again that day fortnight.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

A message was received from the Assembly forwarding the Bill for the Registration of Firms and the Treasury Bills Bill, which were read the first time.

TREASURY BILLS BILL.

The debate on the motion for the second reading of the Treasury Bills Bill was proceeded with and will be found elsewhere.

FISHERIES BILL.

The debate on the motion for the second reading of the Fisheries Bill was resumed, and after some remarks from Mr. Campbell, Mr. Flowers, and Mr. Slattery

Mr. WANT moved the adjournment of the debate till the following day, which was agreed to.

MUNICIPAL LOANS VALIDATING BILL.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council this bill was read the second time, and passed through committee without amendment. The third reading of the bill was made an order of the day for the following day.

RICHMOND BRIDGE BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly, and was read the first time.

WINE ADULTERATION BILL.

On the motion for the third reading of this bill an amendment was moved by Mr. Black for the recommittal of the measure for the purpose of reconsidering the schedule.

After discussion the debate was adjourned till the following day.

ADVANCES TO SETTLERS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the second reading of the Advances to Settlers (Amendment) Bill. He said the bill provided that the Government could lend money upon security of freehold land and selections. He was glad to learn from the officer in charge that so far the working of this principle had been very satisfactory, and that there had been very few losses up to date. The amount of the interest to be charged had not been fixed, but would depend upon the price paid by the Government for loans.

Mr. ROSS did not understand on what principle they were lending money. He had no objection to the bill provided the loans were safeguarded.

The motion was agreed to on the voices, and the bill was passed through committee with some verbal amendment. The third reading was made an order of the day for Friday.

EXTRA SITTING DAY.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL gave notice that he would move on the following day,—"That the House meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday next, and that Government business take precedence."

GOLD-DREDGING LEASES MODIFICATION BILL.

Mr. ROBSON resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the Gold-dredging Leases Modification Bill. He had come to the conclusion that the bill was one that ought not to be passed by the House. It was one that really proposed consideration to Mr. Garland for introducing gold-dredging to this State. It was not a new industry, and had been carried on largely in New Zealand, but he questioned if it had been of real benefit to this State. He did not believe in the principle that was involved.

Mr. Meeks supported the motion.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said it was not right that a man who had done so much for the industry should be placed in a worse position than any one else.

The motion for the second reading was put, and a division was called for. It was found that there were only 12 members present, and there not being a quorum the Deputy President adjourned the House at 10.55 p.m. till 4 o'clock the following day.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

SCENE IN THE HOUSE.

When our first edition of yesterday went to press the Legislative Assembly was in division on the motion by Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, that a second motion for adjournment be entertained. While the tellers were taking their count, Mr. Fitzpatrick proceeded to argue the point whether a previous motion for adjournment had been properly dealt with, members being in their seats for the division, and the doors of the Chamber being locked. For some minutes there was considerable interruption.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, walking towards the Speaker and addressing him, said, "You are making an ass of the proceedings." (Uproar.)

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minister for Lands rose in his place, and addressing me said I was making an ass of the proceedings. I think, as Minister for Lands, and a Minister of this House, he ought to withdraw those words and apologise.

Opposition Members: He must apologise.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: I think I used the word "farce."

Mr. SPEAKER: The words were very offensive, and the Minister should withdraw and apologise. (Cheers and interruption.)

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: I will not talk while a lot of people are talking. I think the word I used was farce.

Mr. SPEAKER: It was very offensive.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: I regret doing anything offensive, but these proceedings are most irregular. I will withdraw and take another course.

Hon. Members: Apologise.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am sure the hon. member will comply with the rules of Parliament, and withdraw and apologise.

Mr. WILLIS (rising from his place): I am tired of this, and the country is tired of it too. (The hon. member proceeded to the doors, and found them locked.)

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member cannot leave the Chamber during a division.

Mr. WILLIS (resuming his seat): I am tired of this, and so is the country.

Mr. SPEAKER (addressing the Minister for Lands): I again ask the hon. member to withdraw and apologise.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: It is very nice for an hon. member to dictate to me what I am to do. I did all you asked, and an hon. member opposite called out "Apologise." I had done that previously.

Mr. SPEAKER said if that was so he would proceed with business. He overruled Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick's point of order, and declared the motion negatived by 57 votes to 33.

TREASURY BILLS BILL.

The TREASURER moved that this bill be read the third time.

Mr. CARRUTHERS asked the Government to adjourn.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: No possible hope.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: No! no! no! We will take no orders from you.

Mr. CARRUTHERS thought that in the electrical state of the atmosphere business ought not to be proceeded with. He was opposed to the third reading going through that night.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: It is going through to-night.

Mr. COHEN moved the recommittal of the measure for the reconsideration of Clause 10.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS moved that Mr. Cohen be no further heard.

The motion was carried by 46 votes to 33.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION moved,—"That the question be now put."

The motion was agreed to by 50 votes to 33.

The motion for the third reading of the bill was agreed to on division by 83 to 33.

A division was called for on the motion that the bill do now pass. The motion was agreed to by 53 votes to 31.

The Treasurer rose to move the title of the bill.

Mr. ASHTON moved that the hon. member be no further heard.

The motion was negatived on division by 57 to 29.

After the division was taken there was some disorder, during which Mr. Cohen and Mr. Levy were understood to take objection to expressions used by the Minister for Lands and the Minister for Works.

A division was called for on the title of the bill, which was agreed to by 55 votes to 33.

The Treasurer rose to his feet.

Mr. LEVY: I move that the Treasurer be no further heard.

The Speaker refused to accept the motion.

The TREASURER: I move that the following message—

Mr. LEVY moved that the Treasurer be no longer heard.

The House divided on the motion.

While the division was proceeding members called out across the Chamber, "Let us adjourn," and "This is going too far."

The motion was negatived by 59 to 26.

The TREASURER moved the formal motion to transmit the bill to the Legislative Council.

A division was called for, and the motion was agreed to by 54 votes to 32.

RICHMOND BRIDGE BILL.

The debate on the motion for the second reading of the bill was resumed.

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK said he was opposed to the second reading of the bill.

Mr. E. M. CLARK said he would require some information regarding the necessity for the Richmond Bridge.

The motion was agreed to by 65 votes to 8.

The bill was passed through committee without amendment.

The third reading was made an order of the day for the following day.

REGISTRATION OF FIRMS BILL.

The amendments made in the bill by the Legislative Council were agreed to.

A COUNT OUT.

The House, at 3.40 a.m. (Thursday), was counted out after the motion of adjournment had been moved.

The House stood adjourned until 4.30 p.m. on Thursday.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Broughton, said for the year ended June 30, 1902, the amount received by the Government for testing cement was £611 1s.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Broughton, said for the year ended June 30, 1902, the amount received for work performed by prisoners in gaols was about £1050, exclusive of the value of the work done for Government departments, for which no cash was received.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Broughton, said the sum of £72 was received for water rights for the year ended June 30, 1902.

The MINISTER FOR MINES, in answer to Mr. Edden, said the matter with regard to section 38 of the Coal Mines' Regulation Act and the action of certain coal companies had been referred to the Attorney-General for an opinion.

The PREMIER said, in answer to Mr. Law, that in a case where a person pleaded guilty at the Wyalong Court to a breach of the Gaming Act the Attorney-General, in view of an opinion expressed by the police magistrate, ordered that the prosecution be dropped.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in answer to Mr. Carruthers, said that if any applications were made to him for permissive or other occupancy of land near the Cataract dam work they would be carefully considered.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in answer to Mr. Coleman, said the Leycester Creek Bridge was in urgent need of repairs, and the best means to be taken to repair and strengthen it were under consideration. It was considered that Fawcett Bridge, on account of its confined roadway, was a source of danger to the traffic using it. Plans had been prepared for a new structure.

"CALLING" MEMBERS.

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK asked the Speaker what was the custom with regard to the "calling" of a Minister during the proceedings on a bill, and whether it would not be possible in the event of a Minister, after rising, being called in preference to another hon. member that discussion on the bill might be stifled.

The SPEAKER said he had carefully looked up the authorities, which practically showed that if a Minister had not already spoken he should be called if he rose.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

The TREASURER, as a matter of personal explanation, said it was not true, as reported in a newspaper, that the closure had been three times applied to him on the previous night.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Law, said that he would on the following day lay on the table all papers connected with a recent prosecution at Wyalong.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Brunker, said he believed the Public Works Committee was still taking evidence on the question of the mitigation of floods in the Hunter River.

The MINISTER FOR MINES, in answer to Mr. Estell, said he would lay on the table of the House on the following day all papers bearing on an accident which happened to Alexander Daly in June last at Wallsend.

Mr. BENNETT, on behalf of the Minister for Lands, said that if time allowed he hoped to bring in the Forestry Bill, and to have it passed into law before the end of the session.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Donaldson, said the Government had not yet considered the question of proclaiming December 27 a public holiday throughout the State.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Gillies, said he would make arrangements that road maintenance men should be paid their wages before the Christmas holidays.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Levy, said that if representations were made to him concerning men in distress for want of work he would see that they were at once provided with employment.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Price, said that there had been some delay in the payment of certain federal accounts owing to a link being missing in the chain of communication between the Post Office, where the federal payments were being made, and the State Works Department. The vouchers must go to the Federal Government and be returned before the payments could be made.

SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

This bill was read the third time and passed.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT—TUMUT TO GUNDAGAI RAILWAY.

Mr. DONALDSON moved the adjournment of the House to discuss the necessity for showing greater expedition in regard to the construction of the line of railway from Gundagai to Tumut. He said that it was two years since the work was begun. In view of the anticipated bountiful harvest in the district, which was capable of producing all the grain and stock required for consumption in the State, he would ask the Minister to have the work expedited.

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK said the Minister for Works had shown that he had the interests of the agriculturists and pastoralists at heart by his action in constructing railways in the interior. He hoped the construction of the line in question would be hastened.

Mr. PRICE said he wished to emphasise the difficulties that had arisen owing to a conflict between the Works and the Forestry departments, because much of the delay in regard to this railway was due to friction between these two departments. In his view there was reasonable cause for complaint in this matter. There were 185 bridges and culverts on the line, and the work was being carried out by day labour; but the timber for these works could not be obtained on account of the excessive royalty of 9d per 100ft. This would mean an added cost of 8 per cent.

Mr. HAYNES said the House and the Government had passed this railway although the Railway Commissioners were dead against it, and he thought Mr. Donaldson ought to be supported in this motion. Many persons were anxious for the construction of this line in view of the possibility of the federal capital being situated down there somewhere. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.)

Mr. MOORE said that speaking by comparison Mr. Donaldson had not very much to complain of, for many districts which had been suffering from the absence of railways were in a much worse condition than Tumut.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS said he did not complain of the remarks that had been made, but it seemed that it had been forgotten that the line went through very rough country. It had taken a long time to build a bridge across the Murrumbidgee at Gundagai, which was a heavy work, and which was being delayed mainly because most of our good hardwood timber was going to New Zealand. But although he thought the engineers had made fair progress he would ask them if they could put on more men, and make more haste if they could do so.

Mr. AFFLECK said it was possible the hon. member who had brought this motion forward thought that the district might be selected as the site for the federal capital, but perhaps his hopes might be blighted, for there were other places that had just as good a chance as Tumut. (Cries of "No fear," and "Yes, there are.") Yet for all that he thought the matter brought forward by the member for Tumut was worthy of consideration.

Mr. ASHTON said the question for the Government to consider was where the money was to come from for this and other works of a more urgent character. The Minister had said it might be found necessary to temporarily suspend the carrying on of public works in the more favoured districts in order that more resources might be made available for carrying out works where the need for relief was greater. Mr. Donaldson had undoubtedly shown that Tumut was one of the most favoured districts in the State of New South Wales.

Mr. GILLIES: And most undeservedly so.

Mr. ASHTON: Do you mean by Providence or by the Minister for Works?

Mr. GILLIES: By the Minister for Works.

Mr. ASHTON said he had referred to the favours of Providence. (Laughter.) He considered that there were other districts that were more in need of the expenditure of money to relieve distress than Gundagai. It was one of the most favoured districts in the State, and probably there was less distress there than in any other portion of New South Wales. Under those circumstances he felt that, if it could be shown to Mr. Donaldson that the money for the Gundagai-Tumut railway could be more advantageously expended elsewhere, that member was sufficiently patriotic to agree to the suspension of work on the railway. (Laughter.)

The PREMIER said he begged members to allow the debate to come to a close, and so enable the Government to proceed with the business on the notice paper.

Mr. MAHONY said there were three reasons why the line should not be completed at present. First, it was an expensive one; second, it runs largely through private lands; and third, there would be a large annual loss in working it.

The PREMIER again appealed to members to bring the debate to a close.

Mr. WINCHCOMBE said that all he wished to state was that the line should be constructed without the least delay, because it would be a connecting link between the arid and grassless portions of the State and the rich pastures of the Gundagai district. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. CARRUTHERS said he was surprised at a supporter of the Government moving such a motion.

Mr. DONALDSON: The worm must turn sometimes. (Opposition laughter.)

Mr. CARRUTHERS said that the member having gone on strike—(laughter)—he hoped he would keep on striking. (Laughter.)

The PREMIER: You are always striking.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said he understood that during his absence from the Chamber for a few minutes the Premier had held out the olive branch, by expressing a wish to get on with Government business. In view of that, he was surprised at a Government supporter going on strike. (Laughter.)

The PREMIER: Why do you follow it up?

Mr. CARRUTHERS said he would like to know if the Premier was now holding out the olive branch.

The PREMIER: I will do some work, no matter how long this lasts.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said that if the Premier was looking for a fight he could have it. (Opposition hear, hear.) His advice to the hon. member for Tumut was to join the Opposition, and he would get his railway a year before he would otherwise get it. (Laughter.) If the hon. member would join the Opposition for one short week he would undertake to say he would get the railway constructed. (Renewed laughter.) The district of Tumut was one which was entitled to a railway, and its construction was required in the interests of the country. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. WOOD said the length of this railway was about 31 miles, and it had been under construction about 18 months. He understood that about February of last year the Minister for Works was going to put a number of men on and expedite the building of the line. If it had been built it would have been of great use during the drought, and the Minister should class it as an urgent work. It was one on which the city unemployed might be engaged with advantage to themselves and the country.

Mr. EDDEN said he thought good would be done by the debate, but Mr. Donaldson must remember that the railway could not be built in a week.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, as soon as Mr. Edden had finished his speech, moved that the question be now put.

Opposition members: "The gag."

The motion was agreed to on division by 50 votes to 34.

Mr. DONALDSON rose to reply.

Mr. D. Storey moved that the hon. member be no further heard. A division was called for, but owing to the small number voting with the ayes the Speaker put the Standing Orders into force, and declared the motion negatived.

Mr. Donaldson having replied, the motion for adjournment was declared negatived.

A division was called for, and the motion was negatived by 60 votes to 21.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION.

Before the orders of the day had been called on,

Mr. CARRUTHERS asked the Premier if he would let hon. members know what business they were expected to go on with.

The PREMIER said they had a large number of matters on the business paper. He proposed to take notices of motion Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and as many more notices of motion as he could—(laughter)—the third reading of the Richmond Bridge Bill, the Additional Estimates and the Loan Estimates, and, if his hon. friends opposite would give him their support, as many more measures as they could. (Cheers and counter cheers.)

Mr. CARRUTHERS said the Premier's answer was an insult to the House. (Cheers and counter cheers.) He would tell the Premier he would not get that business through. (Opposition cheers and cries of "An all night of it.")

RICHMOND BRIDGE BILL.

On the motion of the Minister for Works, the Richmond Bridge Bill was read the third time, passed, and forwarded to the Legislative Council for its concurrence therein.

WATER FAMINE AT BROKEN HILL.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS moved,—"That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the probability of a water famine at Broken Hill, it is essential that the Minister for Works should at once construct a weir across Yanco Glen for the purpose of providing additional storage of water."

Mr. CARRUTHERS said he would like the ruling of the Speaker as to whether it was competent for members to go back from the orders of the day to notices of motion. He contended that it was against the Standing Orders.

The SPEAKER said this was the practice that had been followed during the time of his predecessors, and it was also the practice of the House of Commons. He did not propose to alter that practice.

Mr. CARRUTHERS: I shall take the proper course of moving for a dissent from the Speaker's ruling.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS said the work proposed was a very urgent one, as 25,000 people at Broken Hill were threatened with a water famine. The proposed weir was estimated to cost £12,000; therefore, it did not require to be reported upon by the Public Works Committee.

Mr. ASHTON: And it does not require to come before Parliament. (Opposition hear, hear.)

The MINISTER FOR WORKS said that was quite true, but he preferred to get the sanction of Parliament.

THE SPEAKER AND MR. CRICK.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said there was not the least necessity to waste the time of the House in submitting a motion with regard to a work to cost under £20,000. All that was necessary was to place the amount on the Estimates. The resolution was brought before the House because there happened to be a certain number of members representing Broken Hill in this House.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: I draw your attention, Mr. Speaker, to the insulting and blackguardly remarks of the leader of the Opposition. (Cries of "No, no," and uproar).

The SPEAKER: The Minister will have to withdraw that remark. (Opposition cheers.)

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: There are four or five members who represent Broken Hill, and the suggestion is that——

The SPEAKER: You must withdraw your remark. (Opposition cheers.)

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: I will do it in my own way.

The SPEAKER: Order. You will do it as I direct you. (Opposition cheers.)

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: If I have got to do it in your way perhaps you will be kind enough to write in classical language what I have to say. (Disorder.)

The SPEAKER: I have called the hon. member to order three times, and I will put the Standing Order in force though he is a Minister. (Opposition cheers.)

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: I do not want to be bad friends with the Speaker, but I won't accept dictation from the Opposition. I made the remark because of a very offensive observation made by Mr. Carruthers reflecting upon four members representing Broken Hill. Now—

The SPEAKER: You must withdraw your remark. (Opposition cheers.)

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: I have no hesitation in withdrawing any offensive remarks, and apologising to you and the House for making them. (Hear, hear.) I think the fair play of the House will see, however, that Mr. Carruthers made an offensive observation.

The SPEAKER: I think the leader of the Opposition did make a rather offensive remark, and it should be withdrawn.

Mr. CARRUTHERS: I withdraw any remark I made that is considered offensive. (Hear, hear.) I say again the motion is absolutely unnecessary.

Mr. KELLY: You did the same with the Technical College.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said the Technical College was in the hon. member's electorate, and he supposed it was a sight the hon. member did not like to see because it was a centre of light and learning. The Minister for Works ought to have shown the necessity for the motion when he moved it. On the previous night when they were talking about giving the people bread—

Mr. WEBSTER: How much longer are we to hear this?

Mr. CARRUTHERS: You will hear it till the next polling day and no longer. (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. WEBSTER: Come up on that day and see. (Ministerial cheers.)

Mr. CARRUTHERS: I will be there, and without your invitation. (Opposition cheers.) Continuing Mr. Carruthers said he would like to know if the Minister had provided the money for this work in the Estimates.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: I like to hear you talk about shortening the debate.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said the House ought to know if any of the money voted for water conservation was to be spent in competing with the water supply scheme in existence at Broken Hill. Was money provided on the Estimates for the work, or was this a placard resolution? Or again, was the object of the motion to enable the Government to beat down the Broken Hill Water Supply Company in the negotiations for the purchase of the company's works? He agreed with those who advocated that the control of such a necessary of life as water for a large city should not be in the hands of private monopolists, but the House ought to know what the motion meant.

Mr. CANN said he was sorry a motion of that kind should be used for what appeared to be party tactics. This was the third time Broken Hill had been threatened with a water famine. He admitted that the motion was only an abstract expression of opinion. If the mines at Broken Hill had to shut down, the works at Bellambi, the Block 14 Company's works at Wollongong, the Illawarra Smelting Works, and the Cockle Creek Smelting Works would have to shut up, so the question was not merely a Broken Hill one. Broken Hill could only be rescued by prompt action.

Mr. ASHTON said the question of supplying Broken Hill with water was second only to that of supplying Sydney with water. But unless a full explanation were made by the Government he would vote against the resolution, because it would not be effective in supplying Broken Hill with water, while it might impede that very object. The Minister said that when he got the report from his special officer he would submit the scheme to the Cabinet, yet the House was asked to-night to authorise the scheme. Before the Public Works Committee the engineer estimated the cost of carrying out the Yanco water supply scheme at £160,000, and he did not recommend it.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: That is for a greater work. Mr. Cutler, an engineer of the department, estimates the cost of this scheme at £19,000.

Mr. ASHTON: Why should the House be asked to give the Minister a free hand when it did not know whether the scheme would be useful or not? The construction of the work would not add a single drop to the water supply at the present time, and therefore the work was not an urgent one.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: It is an urgent matter, because it will secure Broken Hill against another famine.

Mr. FERGUSON said he had advocated this scheme for a long time. The Public Works Committee reported that existing provisions were quite adequate for years to come. To calculate the value of that opinion it was only necessary to recognise that Broken Hill had now a water famine. The Government should buy the Stephens Creek scheme, which would be profitable to them.

Mr. GORMLY said that in his opinion it would be better and safer to provide this money for Broken Hill under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act. In every other large town in New South Wales the water supply schemes were constructed under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act. Were it not for the extreme emergency of the people at Broken Hill he would oppose this measure even now.

Mr. D. STOREY said the Broken Hill water supply was a subject of urgency, but it was never intended by Parliament that water supplies for large towns should come out of the funds provided out of the moneys to be raised under the Water and Drainage Bill. He, however, feared that there was a possibility of the sum named by the Minister for Works being insufficient, and he would therefore move as an amendment to add to the motion the words "at a cost not to exceed £20,000."

Mr. WEBSTER said he could not see why this important question had been left so late in the session, seeing that the people of Broken Hill had been appealing for the last three months for an improved water supply. He objected to the manner in which the motion was submitted.

Mr. T. FITZPATRICK said he had always been in favour of water conservation, and could not consistently vote against a water supply for Broken Hill.

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK said the procedure adopted was a remarkable one. The Minister for Works had a proper means open to him to give legislative effect to the proposal. He did not think there was anything wrong with the proposal, but the Minister had taken an improper course.

Mr. MOXHAM said that up to the present the water supplies to country towns had been a failure in the hands of the Public Works Department. He was in favour of Broken Hill having an adequate water supply, but the people of Broken Hill ought to know the cost.

The amendment was negatived on the voices, and the motion was agreed to. A division was called for by Mr. Affleck, but he was the only member on the side of the noes.

MONETARY ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES.

The PREMIER moved that the House on its next sitting day resolve into committee to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making, maintaining, curbing, and guttering of streets, and asphalting footpaths.

The motion was agreed to.

BURWOOD LOAN VALIDATION BILL.

The PREMIER moved on leave to bring in a bill to validate a certain loan to the municipal council of Burwood and all securities for such loan. He said it was to validate a loan of £1500 which the Government had sanctioned, and which was made in July, 1900.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was brought in and read the first time.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply to consider the additional Estimates and the payments from the Treasurer's advance account during the last financial year.

Military pensions, £525.

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK said that when the Estimates-in-chief were before the Committee some time ago these items were struck out on the ground that this was a matter for the Federal Government. He asked why they were placed on the additional Estimates?

Mr. BRUNKER said these pensions were granted before the Federal Constitution Act was passed.

The House was still sitting when our report closed.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" has not been performed here by the Sydney Philharmonic Society since the oratorio festival of 1894, when it was rendered with a cast of soloists consisting of Mme. Emily Spada, Mme. Belle Cole, and Mr. Philip Newbury. The quartet of English artists was completed during the festival by Mr. Charles Magrath—now the basso of the Moody-Manners Opera Company. The repetition of this work in its entirety would have been welcome after so long an interval, but as it had been decided to produce Mr. Gresty's new "Commonwealth Ode," the "Lobgesang" had to be terminated at "The Night is Departing."

The oratorio proved by far the most stimulating portion of last night's programme, which lacked strength as a whole. Signor Hazon had evidently rehearsed the long and beautiful symphony that precedes the cantata with great care, and the interpretation was in every respect impressive. It was fortunate that the brass proved always strong and precise, because to these instruments is allotted the imposing theme—nearly identical with the 8th Gregorian tone of ancient Church psalmody—which opens, pervades, and finally closes the entire work. This theme, afterwards identified with the words "All that has life and breath sing to the Lord," breaks in upon the suave yet animated allegro in the most wonderful way, and always with renewed majesty of effect. Praise must be given to the violins for their smoothness in the captivating 6-8 movement, and the question and answer between the strings on the one side and the oboes and bassoons on the other were agreeably accentuated. The termination of the symphony, with the gradual sinking to a restful pianissimo, was also admirably expressed. Apart from this orchestral work interest centred in the choral numbers. "All Men, All Things" was splendidly given, the accelerando towards the end being dramatically sustained, and all sections of chorus and orchestra responding with animation to the conductor's beat. In this way a colossal ensemble, enriched by the swelling strains of the organ, finely played by Mr. J. Edward Sykes, was achieved. "The Night is Departing" was equally well given. The best solo work was done by Miss Edith O. King in the inspiring "Praise thou the Lord," in which the semi-chorus also went well. Miss Ehrlich being absent, Miss Rubie Menser replaced her at short notice in the favourite duet with Miss King, "I Waited for the Lord," of which only a moderate interpretation was given. Mr. Edgar Fulton, who sang the tenor music, was heard to better advantage in the second part, when he rendered with feeling "In Native Worth." Miss King at this point gave a decidedly acceptable interpretation of "Softly Sighs" (with orchestra). By far the most interesting solo in the second part, however, was the "Romance in G" of Saint Saens, for violin and orchestra. Mr. Rivers Allpress realised all the flowing grace of the theme in honeyed tones. Later, the violinist exhibited brilliant accuracy in some bravura passages, and played throughout with the classic refinement that seems to be required by a piece which, though by a modern French composer, distinctly savours of the antique.

The "Australian Commonwealth Ode," written in poetical verse by G. Essex Evans, was performed for the first time to music composed by J. T. Gresty. The orchestral prelude was marked by some originality in the effort to realise the sombre spirit of the trackless forests, and a march movement and dirge, alluding to the weariness and death of the explorers, lugubriously conveyed a sense of tedium and fatigue. The bass recitative (delivered by Mr. Charles Rosenthal) was not invested with special musical significance; but the composer hit the mark in an excellent chorale, simple, broad, melodious, and not lacking in the needed touch of originality. Generally, however, the gloom and immensity of the subject hung somewhat heavily over the music of the Ode, but it enjoyed the advantage of all the imposing resources of the Philharmonic Society, and the stupendous ensemble of the National Prayer at the close won Mr. Gresty a well-merited recall. Signor Hazon, Mr. Rivers Allpress, Miss King (who rendered the chief solo), and the members of the chorus and orchestra had spared no trouble in realising the conception of the composer.

AMUSEMENTS.

MLLE. ANTONIA DOLORES.

Mr. J. Nevin Tait, manager for Mlle. Dolores, returned to Sydney yesterday, but proceeds to Brisbane to arrange for the popular cantatrice's season there, which commences on the 17th instant. Owing to the magnificent success of her seasons in Melbourne, Adelaide, and Sydney, and the many applications from all sources for concerts, Mlle. Dolores has decided to remain a few months longer in Australia, and it is more than probable that she will give one or two recitals in Sydney some time in February before she leaves us. In the meantime Mlle. Dolores sings in Brisbane, and in Melbourne on Christmas night with the Philharmonic Society. She will then rest for a few weeks, and it is her intention to revisit Western Australia again towards the end of January. It is on her return from the West that Mlle. Dolores might appear here again.

THE MUTOSCOPE.

The Mutoscope is to be formally opened by the Lord Mayor at noon to-day. Private ticket-holders will be admitted until 5 p.m., and from that hour until 10 o'clock the general public will be able to attend. A thousand views will be shown. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Hospital Saturday Fund.

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FEDERAL POLITICS.

MR. J. COOK, M.P., AT RICHMOND.

CRITICISM OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

RICHMOND, Thursday.

Mr. Cook, M.P., visited Richmond yesterday and addressed the electors in the evening at the School of Arts. The Mayor (Mr. E. Campbell) presided.

Mr. Cook said they had met that night under the most unhappy federal auspices. Go where one would, people were wondering whether a huge mistake had not been made in accepting the federal bond. They were promised an Arcadian federal summer, and instead they had a winter of discontent. He was there boldly to say that federation had not had a fair show. Mr. Deakin had accused them of a narrow and provincial outlook, while the Prime Minister said that his critics had souls as narrow and dry as a piece of parchment. It was wonderful how the man over in his own clover paddock thought the onlooker outside was a narrow-minded, discontented bigot. All through the session just ended this Australian view had been preached by the Victorians, but it was always in connection with some Victorian industry. Sir Edmund Barton told them that they had an interest in all the small Victorian industries, and that they should regard them as their own assets. If that was so they might well ask when the dividends were coming over. Then they were told the actions of the freetraders would kill these industries in Victoria. Just see how they had killed them. He had a circular from a mill in Victoria sent to a Sydney merchant asking him to get his supplies before Christmas, as they were closing down to reconstruct their mills so as to get a bigger output. That mill had outrun in the daytime under the tariff of Victoria. Now the duties had been lowered they were running night and day. That was a good way of killing industry. The fact was when a ring-fence was kept round any industry they had no motive to get the latest appliances. The Ministry had shown no anxiety for any industry outside Victoria. They had failed lamentably in taking a sectional view of the tariff, and they had completely ignored their fiduciary relation to the States in respect of their financial position. They should have passed an interim revenue tariff and had the fiscal battle later on, when the way was clear for it. They could then have had full inquiry into the fiscal and financial relations of all the States. He strongly criticised Sir Edmund Barton in trying to mix up the question of patriotism with his new-fangled scheme of trade preference. The Empire sentiment was inescapably bound up with freedom of trade and not restriction of any kind. Speaking of their treatment of current questions, he said a strange feebleness and ineptitude had settled upon them since they took office. It seemed as if they lived in constant fear and trembling of the States. The first blush of criticism ruffled and alarmed them. For instance, the attitude of the Ministry over the South Australian land grab scheme was weak and faulty. The giving over of 90 million acres of land to a syndicate was a matter of Australian concern, and no mere technical State rights should stand in the way of strong action to prevent it, but the strength of the Ministry seemed to be expended in neutralising each other's action, and so the corporate result was such as to make no impression whatever. He strongly condemned the military administration. It was time a working scheme was evolved and then let alone. This constant haggling was crippling the force and destroying its heart and enthusiasm. They should let the regiments have all the individuality they could develop. Who would think, for instance, of merging the Guards at home with the Black Watch or the other regiments. It was this healthy rivalry between county and county at home that helped materially to give the army its fighting spirit. They could have economy and efficiency as well as a settled policy, and the sooner their new arrangements were made and crystallised the better. He defended the defeat of the Loan Bill introduced by the Government. To borrow a paltry half a million would have been to proclaim the impecuniosity of the Commonwealth at the outset. Our credit was low enough, thanks to ruinous borrowing of the State Government. He thought, too, they might as well spend a little of the State revenue as let Mr. O'Sullivan have all the luxuries to himself. Did the people realise where they were going in this matter of borrowing? They owed now £250,000,000 to the foreign money-lenders, and 26 per cent. of their revenue went for interest. In South Australia 35 per cent. was so absorbed. They were told a young country must borrow in order to develop. Did they know that Canada had only one-fifth of their debt, although they had 2,000,000 more people than we had? Japan was building huge navies and spending scores of millions, and yet her debt was only £50,000,000; and Germany and Austria combined, with 90,000,000 people, had less debt than we had. The Federal Government would have large borrowings later in connection with transferred properties, the capital city, the transcontinental railway, and her borrowing credit should be reserved, instead of squandering it for small post offices and such like.

MR. AUSTIN CHAPMAN, M.P., AT COOMA.

COOMA, Thursday.

Mr. Austin Chapman, M.P., Government whip, addressed the electors at the School of Arts last night. The Mayor, Mr. L. Shannon, presided over a large meeting.

Mr. Chapman commenced his address with a criticism of the Sydney newspapers. He said they had charged the Federal Government with extravagance. He contended that it had not spent as much per annum as was estimated at the Adelaide conference, viz., £300,000. They had effected a saving of £165,000 in the Military Department. He considered that the tariff was a hybrid one. If he could form a tariff and was sure of support in Parliament he would make one thoroughly protective. He contrasted Canada and America with Australia, urging that Australia could make her exports larger by the protection of industry. He advocated penny postage. He claimed that the Government was not under the thumb of the Labour party, as in one case the Labour party voted against the Government and divided on Mr. Reid's censure motion. A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

FETE AT NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

INTERESTING SHAM FIGHT.

On Wednesday evening the annual moonlight fete in connection with Newington College, Stanmore, took place, and was in every way a success. The college grounds were prettily illuminated for the occasion, while two powerful searchlights were also frequently brought into operation. The attendance was a large one, while the weather conditions were all that could be desired. The Naval Brigade Band discoursed music on the lawn, and in the drill-shed a number of ladies served refreshments.

The programme opened with the presentation of prizes to the successful competitors at the recent sports meeting of the college. The awards were distributed by Mrs. Prescott, wife of the head master.

Lance and sword exercises were then gone through by a detachment of the New South Wales Lancers also cutlass drill by members of the Naval Brigade and bayonet exercise by the Scottish Rifles. An exhibition of gun drill by a section of the Naval Brigade proved specially attractive. The feature of the evening's entertainment, however, was a sham fight. The engagement consisted of a combined attack on the college by the Scottish Rifles, Parramatta River Naval Cadets, and a number of the Newington boys dressed as Indian soldiers. The College Cadets and the Naval Brigade acted as the defence party. The fight opened with the big guns on both sides being brought into action. The result was that the advance screen of the defenders was driven back to its supports. Reinforcement took place, and the defending side then made an advance upon the attacking party and drove them back some distance, but only for a time, for being reinforced the attacking party made a strong effort to capture the guns on the hill. After a stubborn fight they managed to repulse the defending party, but only temporarily so, and finally the invaders were forced to retire, and the college was once more declared safe.

Major Perkins, D.S.O., assisted by Warrant-officer Bond and Sergeant-major Hazlett, was in charge of a detachment of the Army Medical Corps, who rendered first aid to the supposed "wounded" on the field and afterwards conveyed them to a temporary dressing station, where the "patients" were attended by the surgeons, the operations being a facsimile of those carried out during the late Boer war. The Naval Brigade was in charge of Lieutenant W. G. Riewood, who was ably assisted by Sub-lieutenant S. T. Wilson. The proceedings were concluded by a grand march past of those who took part in the shamfight. Lieutenant-Colonel Cox, who is an ex-student of the college, was amongst those present.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 11.

Himalaya, R.M.S., 6898 tons, Captain W. L. Brown, R.N.R., from London, via ports. Passengers—From London for Sydney: Mrs. Cropper, Mr. S. Hordern, Mrs. Hordern, Miss Hordern, and 2 sons, Mr. Harris, Mr. H. St. C. Elliot, Miss A. Hughes, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pym, Miss Pym, Mrs. Forrest and maid, Misses Robertson (2), Miss Robertson, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Williams, Mr. J. Alcock, Mr. Warren, Mrs. Warren, Miss Pym, Miss Gregor, Mrs. Jefferson, Miss Fogg. For Brisbane: Miss B. Johnson, Mr. F. Clapcott. For Auckland: Mr. Murdoch, Mrs. Pierce, Misses Pierce (2), Miss Bramwell, Mrs. Young, Miss Young, Mr. A. Young. From Marseilles for Sydney: Mrs. Crace and child, Rev. R. E. Davies, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith 3 children and infant, Mr. T. Hooper. For New Zealand ports: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brett, Mrs. Mayer, Mr. E. B. Adams, Mr. Walter. From Port Said for Sydney: Mr. J. C. Smith, Miss Trouton, Miss E. Trouton. From Colombo for Sydney: Mrs. Alexander, Captain A. Glasgow. Edward Trelawny, agent.

Warrego, s., 1552 tons, Captain George King, from Melbourne. Passengers—16 in the saloon and 12 in the steerage; also 4 saloon and 4 steerage passengers for Queensland ports. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Rockton, s., 1971 tons, Captain M'Lellan, from Queensland ports. Passengers—46 in the saloon and 50 in the steerage; also 8 saloon and 11 steerage passengers for Melbourne. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

St. George, s., 488 tons, Captain William Baillie, from Richmond River. Passengers—24 in the saloon and 18 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kyogle, s., 700 tons, Captain Edward Farrell, from Clarence River. Passengers—37 in the saloon, and 23 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Dorrigo, s., 804 tons, Captain J. Colvin, from Byron Bay, via Coff's Harbour. G. W. Nicoll, agent.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Oonah, s., 1757 tons, Captain H. A. Morrisby, from Hobart. Passengers—35 in the saloon and 14 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Ainsdale, sh., 1725 tons, Captain Brown, from Valparaiso. W. Baxton and Co., agents.

Coomonderry, s., 147 tons, Captain Canty, from South Coast ports. J. Aubin and Son, agents.

Macleay, s., 860 tons, Captain Balfour, from Port Macquarie. Passengers—Saloon, 3; steerage, 6. North Coast S.N. Company, agents.

Taglioferro, s., 1298 tons, Captain T. Winslade, from Adelaide. Burns, Philp, and Co., agents.

Illawarra, s., 522 tons, Captain J. Garde, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Warrimoo, s., 2326 tons, Captain E. Phillips, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Bega, s., 567 tons, Captain S. Bishop, from Eden. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Moira, s., 2784 tons, Captain Donaldson, from Brisbane, via Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., agents.

Wyalong, s., 90 tons, Captain J. George, from Manning River. Langley Brothers, agents.

H.I.G.M.S. Moewe, Captain Seiferling, from New Britain.

Dec. 12.

Macquarie, sh., 1867 tons, Captain Corner, from London. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 11.

Pacifique, s., for Noumea.
Itzehoe, s., for Antwerp and Hamburg, via Melbourne and Adelaide.
Toroa, sch., for Wanganui, via Port Stephens.
Romanoff, bq., for London, via Newcastle.
Oonah, s., for Newcastle.
Anglian, s., for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 12.

Rockton, s., for Melbourne; Paroo, s., for Fremantle, via ports; Peterborough, s., for Shellharbour; Augusta, s., for Tweed River; Bega, s., for Bateman's Bay and coast ports; Dorrigo, s. for Coff's Harbour, Byron Bay, and Woolgoolga; Woy Woy, s., for Gosford and Wyong; Illawarra Company's steamer for Shoalhaven ports; Hawkesbury, s., and Narara, s., for Hawkesbury River; Newcastle Company's steamer for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 11.

Romanoff, bq., 1223 tons, Captain A. Robertson, for London, via Newcastle. Passengers—Mrs. Robertson and Miss Davidson.

Anglian, s., 2159 tons, Captain F. Entwisle, for Newcastle, in ballast.

Pacifique, s., 1906 tons, Captain G. Bourge, for Noumea. Passengers—53 in the saloon.

Itzehoe, s., 5217 tons, Captain H. Schmidt, for Hamburg, Antwerp, via Melbourne and Adelaide.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—Dec. 11.

Gwendoline, sch., for Tweed River; City of Grafton, s., for Richmond River.

IMPORTS.—Dec. 11.

St. George, s., from Richmond River: 24 bags bones, 5 bags peas, 27 bags oysters, 12 bags seed, 2 bags pumpkins, 9 bags beans, 2 bales skins, 35 cases eggs, 6 cases honey, 4 cases fish, 26 cases fruit, 5 casks tallow, 2 coops poultry, 131 hides and 8 bags hides, 429 cases butter, 6 pigs, 78 packages sundries, 12,684ft. boxwood, 10 bundles boxwood, 100 bundles boxwood.

Kyogle, s., from Clarence River: 50 bags bottles, 27 bags bark, 27 bags bones, 6 bags scrap iron, 5 bags oysters, 20 packages tent requisites, 105 bags potatoes, 4 bundles skins, 4 cases honey, 119 cases eggs, 25 cases tomatoes, 51 cases fish, 24 coops poultry, 1 horse, 22 hides, 13 cases cucumbers, 184 boxes butter, 4 pieces hardwood, 732 sleepers, 5000 spokes, and sundries.

Rockton, s., from Queensland ports: 5399 bunches bananas, 2085 bags sugar, 784 cases 85 bags hams, 1 sulky, 16 bags oysters, 12 tons scrap iron, pineapples, 30 cases mangoes, 3 logs cedar, 151 bags ore, 200 hides, 130 cases cucumbers, 85 cases tomatoes, &c., 200 cases sugar, 30 cases rockmelons, and large quantity sundries; also through cargo for Melbourne.

Paroo, s., from Fremantle, via ports: 201 bags wheat, 11,854 bags chaff, 10 packages wheels, 240 cases spirits, 156 bags bark, 123 packages wine, 20 sacks flour, 62 packages oil, 5301 bags tin ore, 100 bags rice, 21 cases meats, 15 tanks malt, 19 bundles fur skins, 40 boxes window glass, 72 cases fruit, 65 bags potatoes, 58 cases cherries, 6 bales wool, and sundries.

Macleay, s., from Richmond River: 2 bags bones, 200 bags sugar, 21 cases eggs, 3 cases honey, 5 cases tomatoes, 8 cases fruit, 2 bags skins, 3 bags bottles, 800ft. box wood, 9 coops poultry, 9 hides, 5 bags hides, 368 kegs butter, 15 logs beech, 3 bags sundries.

Oonah, s., from Hobart: 114 cases and 432 half-cases fruit, 198 bags green peas, 369 cases jam, 280 cases pulp, 855 cases desserts, 75 hogsheads ale, 20 cases cider, 100 bags bark, 16 bales wool, 961 bales raw, 11,435ft. timber.

Dorrigo, s., from Byron Bay, via Coff's Harbour: 489 boxes butter, 16 hardwood logs, 10 teak logs, 5 beech 4 pine logs, 40 bags bark, 10 cases eggs, 12 pigs, 1 saw bench, and sundries.

New Guinea, s., from Geelong: 145 bags onions, 14 bales flannel, 750 bags malt, 60 bags salt, 225 bales hay, and 124 bags chaff.

Wyalong, s., from Manning River: 22,000ft. hardwood, 25 ironbark girders, 20 packages sundries.

Jessie Craig, bq., from Melbourne: 3868 bags wheat, and 68 bags bottles.

Ainsdale, sh., from Valparaiso: 16,223 bales hay and 35 sleepers.

Dec. 12.

Medic, s., from Liverpool, via ports: 135 bales ironwork, 24 bags iron washers, 2080 bundles hoop iron, 17 bags bolts and nuts, 27 packages ale, 28 steam governors, 20 bags alum, 18 bundles steel sheets, 4921 boxes tinplates, 54 bars and 60 bundles galvanised iron, 23 coils wire rope, 585 rolls wire netting, 22 cases stationery, 22 bales salt, 160 bars and bundles steel, 4791 bars and 250 bundles iron, 14 cases vinegar, 25 cases linens, 352 casks beer, 50 crates carriage ware, 15 cases olives, 23 crates preserved vegetables, 20 packages iron wire, 20 cases handles, 50 cases axes, 20 cases nails, 80 pails and 266 kegs lead, 18 cases scales, 21 packages grease, 45 packages tinware, 50 packages paint, 13 packages tools, 100 cases ginger wine, 250 cases bolts, 22 crates bicycles, 12 packages furniture, 179 cases cotton goods, 15 barrels skewers, 33 packages washboards, 512 bundles wire, 70 packages drugs, 30 casks tanning extract, 16 barrels, oil, 2 tons pigiron, 70 packages brandy, 50 casks cod oil, 83 cases pumping machinery, 70 bags rivets, 20 drums malt, 303 packages tubes, 20 casks chalk, 65 casks colour, 90 drums caustic soda, 300 lengths iron piping, 17 packages loose machinery, 184 packages linseed oil, 16 casks whiting, 200 cases bromo-seltzer, 252 packages tobacco, 329 cases canned meats, 126 cases fuse, 1000 cases pork, 29 bundles rims, 121 packages pulp boards, 20 boxes locks, 55 cases blacking, 10 crates wheels, 150 cases shrimps, 60 boxes clocks, 98 packages rolled steel, 100 barrels glucose, 1690 rolls printing paper, 60 cases candy, 183 cases sewing machines, 25 cases soap, 22 bundles paperboards, 25 packages machinery, 29 packages shoe machines, 15 head cattle, and 1 blood mare, and sundries.

Macquarie, sh., from London: 52 packages bolts and nuts, 274 iron angle bars, 200 cases coffee essence, 50 cases jam, 900 cases herrings, 550 cases sardines, 120 cases starch, 50 bags canary seed, 31 packages gas brackets, 210 packages floorcloth, 60 casks putty, 467 iron pots, 20 barrels saltpetre, 31 cases rivets, 40 axle arms, 250 rolls wire netting, 121 cases peas, 99 packages sulphur, 501 casks whiting, 80 packages arsenic, 20 bags ginger, 158 cases drugs, 450 firebricks, 13 cases windowglass, 11 casks ink, 70 cases nails, 50 cases stout, 25 cases tinned vegetables, 1100 cases fish, 637 steel rails, 348 reels and 70 cases printing paper, 250 cases whisky, 13 cases corks, 272 barrels lubricating oils, 2020 kegs white lead, 800 cases vestas, 46 casks plough shares, 858 slate slabs, 35 cases gears, 10 bundles spindles, 38 packages agricultural implements, 2017 cases beer, 370 cases sauce, 390 casks vinegar, 243 tons old railway chairs, 30 packages furniture, 495 drums oil, 100 bales wrapping paper, 150 cases infants' food, 142 cases stationery, 50 cases lamp black, 47 crates empty bottles, 325 boxes cartridges, 103 bundles shovels, 110 cases gin, 100 drums sheep dip, 160 cases pickles, 30 packages carbolic acid, 24 packages glue, 15 packages cod oil, 550 casks cement, 695 cases spirits, 34 bales oakum, 98 jaw boxes, 50 cases points, 35 cases bedsteads, 90 cases blacking, 50 crates rims, 150 cases brandy, 25 cases block juice, 670 packages paint, 1399 packages linseed oil, 240 kegs red lead, 25 barrels chairs, 100 cases drapery, 130 packages borax, 83 packages rum, 155 packages dry colour, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—Dec. 11.

Pacifique, s., for Noumea: 35 cases geneva, 715 bags and 816 ½-sacks flour, 30 cases salmon, 105 bags rice, 75 sacks salt, 107 packages tea, 130 cases kerosene, 10 packages hams, 260 cases fruit, 81 bags onions, 294 bags potatoes, 472 bags sugar, 30 bags gunnies, 20 kegs beef, 25 bags bran, 135 packages biscuits, 250 boxes candles, 108 cases meats, 43 boxes glass, and sundries.

Romanoff, bq., for London, via Newcastle: 200 tons concentrates.

Itzehoe, s., for Hamburg and Antwerp, via Melbourne and Adelaide: 6168 bars lead, 247 tons and 13 bags ore, and 18,110 bales wool.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

COOKTOWN.—Dep.: Dec. 10, Taiyuan, s., for Japan.
CAIRNS.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Wodonga, s., from Brisbane. Dep.: Dec. 10, Allinga, s., for Brisbane.
TOWNSVILLE.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Elbing, s., from Brisbane.
FLATTOP.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Innamincka, s., from Brisbane.
ROCKHAMPTON.—Dep.: Dec. 10, Tinana, s., for Brisbane.
KEPPEL BAY.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Duke of Norfolk, s., from Brisbane. Dep.: Dec. 11, Peregrine, s., for Townsville.
BRISBANE.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Miowera, R.M.S., from Vancouver; Arawatta, s., from Melbourne; Konowarra, s., from Rockhampton; Cintra, s., from Cooktown. Dep.: Dec. 11, Australian, s., for Sydney.
TWEED HEADS.—Dec. 11, Eliza Allen, sch., Dorothy, s., both barbound at 5.30 p.m. Passed: Buninyong, s., at 9 a.m., north; a two-masted str. with black funnel at 5.30 p.m., south.
BYRON BAY.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Cavanba, s., at 2.20 p.m. Passed: Lady Musgrave, s., at 3 p.m., south.
RICHMOND HEADS.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Ramornie, s., at 10.35 a.m.; Lady Musgrave, s., at 4.40 p.m. Dep.: Torgauten, s., at 5.15 a.m.; Friendship, s., at 4.40 p.m. Passed: Cavanba, s., at noon, north; a ship at 4.45 p.m., south.
CLARENCE HEADS.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Oakland, s., at 4.45 a.m., from Newcastle.
BELLINGER HEADS.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Wootton, s., at 4.30 a.m., for Sydney; Euroka, s., at 4.30 p.m., for Sydney.
NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Baden-Powell, s., at 4.30 a.m., from Sydney; Rosedale, s., at 5 a.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Rosedale, s., at 4.20 p.m., for Port Macquarie; Harold, ktch., at 5 p.m., for Sydney.
SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: Dec. 11, Wollumbin, s., at 7.55 a.m., north.
PORT MACQUARIE.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Trilby, s., at 5 a.m., for Sydney.
TACKING POINT.—Passed: Dec. 11, St. George, s., at 7.10 a.m., Euroka, s., at 12.30 p.m., Tryian, s., at 6 p.m., all south; Kallatina, s., at 6 p.m., north.
CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Kincumber, s., at 4 a.m.; Bellinger, s., at 4.30 p.m.
MANNING HEADS.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Electra, s., at 5 a.m.
CAPE HAWKE.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Thistle, s., at 4 a.m., for Sydney.
SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: Dec. 11, Thistle, s., at 6.40 a.m., Kincumber, s., at noon, Bellinger, s., at 1.35 p.m., St. George, s., at 1.15 p.m., Trilby, s., at 5.20 p.m., all south.
PORT STEPHENS.—Dec. 11, Hilda, sch., in bay; Federal, s., in bay 12.40 p.m.; La Bella, bgtn., in bay 1.50 p.m. Passed: A bq. at 4.10 a.m., south; Thistle, s., Kyogle, s., at 10 a.m., south; Kincumber, s., St. George, s., at 3.30 p.m., south; Wave, ktch., at 2.40 p.m., north; Bellinger, s., at 4.15 p.m., south.
NEWCASTLE.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Formosa, bq., from Townsville; Moira, s., from Brisbane; Namoi, s., Timaru, s., Kittawa, s., Sophia Ann, s., Beagle, s., Isabella, sch., Maud Weston, s., from Sydney; Carrollton, Amer. bq., from Melbourne; Helen Nichol, s., Jones Brothers, sch., from Sydney. Dep.: Dec. 11, Alpena, four-masted American sch., for Honolulu; Alice, s., Brunner, s., Hannah Nicholson, sch., Orestes, Government tug, for Sydney; Kathleen Hilda, bq., for Auckland; Warrimoo, s., for Wellington, via Sydney; Henry K. Hall, five-masted American sch., for Honolulu; Trafalgar, sh., for Tocopilla; Namoi, s., for Sydney; Isabel, sch., Sophia Ann, s., Beagle, s., for Sydney; Kittawa, s., for Devonport, via Kembla; Moira, s., for Brisbane, via Sydney; Elm Branch, s., for San Francisco; Age, s., for Adelaide.
CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Illaroo, s., at 6 a.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Shamrock, s., at 11.50 a.m., for Adelaide.
BELLAMBI.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Currajong, s., at 5 a.m., from Sydney.
WOLLONGONG.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Dunmore, s., at 12.40 p.m., from Sydney; Eden, s., at 3.10 p.m.; Sphene, s., at 4.30 p.m. Dep.: Eden, s., at 5.45 p.m., for Eden. Passed: A ship in tow at 6.30 p.m., north.
KIAMA.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Resolute, s., at 11.50 a.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Resolute, s., at 6.30 p.m., for Sydney.
CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Illawarra, s., at 5 a.m., for Sydney.
JERVIS BAY.—Passed: Dec. 11, Arab, ktch., at 9.5 a.m., south; Peterborough, s., at 1.15 p.m., north.
BATEMAN'S BAY.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Peterborough, s., at 9.30 a.m., for Sydney.
BERMAGUI.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Allowrie, s., at 9 a.m., from Wollongong. Dep.: Allowrie, s., at 9.35 a.m., for Tathra.
EDEN.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Wakatipu, s., at 4.30 a.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Wakatipu, s., at 5 a.m., for Launceston.
GREEN CAPE.—Passed: Dec. 11, Medic, s., at 2.55 p.m., Leura, s., at 5.30 p.m., a full-rigged ship at 6 p.m., all north; a steamer with red funnel and black top, at 7.30 p.m., south.
GABO ISLAND.—Passed: Dec. 11, Wakatipu, s., at 8.10 a.m., south; a ship at 3.45 p.m., north; Easby, s., at 5.20 p.m., west.
WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: Dec. 11, Aramac, s., at 5.30 a.m.; Burrumbeet, s., at 5.30 a.m. Dep.: Gianetta, s., at 2.35 a.m.
MELBOURNE.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Australian, s., from Launceston; Chillagoe, s., Aramac, s., and Burrumbeet, s., all from Sydney; Tainan, s., from Hongkong; Clan Macfarlane, sh., from London; Flora, s., from Devonport; Koonookarra, s., from Devonport. Dep.: Dec. 11, Coogee, s., for Launceston.
CUNNINGHAME (Vic.).—Arr.: Dec. 11, Eliza Davies, ktch., at 5.40 p.m., from Newcastle.
HOBART.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Victoria, s., at 10.50 a.m., from Melbourne; Mokoia, s., at 12.30 p.m., from New Zealand. Dep.: Dec. 11, Mokoia, s., at 6.15 p.m., for Melbourne; Victoria, s., at 7.40 p.m., for New Zealand.
LOW HEAD.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Pateena, s., at 5.35 p.m., for Melbourne.
BURNIE.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Flora, s., early, for Melbourne; Kamona, s., at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney, via Devonport.
ADELAIDE.—Arr.: Dec. 10, Kalgoorlie, s., from Melbourne; Dec. 11, Oroya, R.M.S., from Melbourne; Winifield, s., from Fremantle; Anglo Canadian, s., from New York, via Fremantle; Woolahra, s., from Fremantle; Beechwood, bq., from New York; Marloo, s., from Melbourne. Dep.: Dec. 11, Oroya, R.M.S., for London; Stratford, s., and Commonwealth, s., for Melbourne; Kalgoorlie, s., for Western Australia.
PORT PIRIE.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Wild Wave, bq., from Hobart.
FREMANTLE.—Arr.: Dec. 11, Una, s., from Bombay; Nemesis, s., from eastern States. Dep.: Dec. 10, Gabo, s., for eastern States; Konigin Luise, G.M.S., for Bremen.
GERALDTON.—Dep.: Dec. 10, Perth, s., for Bunbury.
PORT HEADLAND (W.A.).—Dep.: Dec. 11, Australind, s., for Broome.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON.—Dep.: Dec. 11, Athenic, s., for London; Goodwin, s., for Hongkong, with 6000 tons of coal.
KAIPARA.—Dep.: Dec. 11, St. Kilda, sch., for Sydney.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 43 years, 49·228.
Average for 44 years, January 1 to November 30, 47·167.
Rainfall from January 1 to date, 41·588.
Temperature.—Maximum, 77·1; minimum, 66·8.
Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 76°; at 5 p.m., 82°.

BAROMETER READINGS.

Carnarvon, 29·81; Gascoigne, 29·84; Esperance Bay, 30·09; Eucla, 30·07; Streaky Bay, 30·06; Adelaide, 29·99; Robe, 29·94; Portland, 29·91; Melbourne, 29·87; Wilson's Promontory, 29·85; Gabo Island, 29·74; Cape St. George, 29·71; Sydney, 29·74; Newcastle, 29·76; Port Macquarie, 29·75; Clarence Heads, 29·86; Brisbane, 29·87; Rockhampton, 29·89; Mackay, 29·86.

RAINFALLS.

The rainfalls for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m., and the additional returns received up to 9 p.m., will be found in another column.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Warm and unsettled; light showers fell in the south-west last night and at a few stations in the north.
Western Australia.—Generally fine and clear.
South Australia.—Fine throughout, with scattered clouds, cool S. winds.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine, but cloudy over eastern ranges and in the south-east; raining lightly elsewhere.
Queensland.—Fine, but cloudy generally.
Northern Australia.—Fine over central parts.
New Zealand.—Dull in the north, clear over central and southern districts.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Byron Bay, N.N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, N.E., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., fresh thunderstorm, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, thunderstorm; Nambucca Heads, thunderstorm; Port Macquarie, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, S.W., light, thunderstorm, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.E., light, stormy, sea smooth; Newcastle, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Barranjoey, calm, showery, sea smooth; South Head, W., light, cloudy, hazy, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.W., light, showery, sea smooth; Kiama, N.N.E., light, showery, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., light, showery, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, W., light, showery, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, raining, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, dull, sea smooth; Moruya, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Eden, N.E., moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Green Cape, S.W., fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, S., moderate, gloomy, misty, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Rain and thunder chiefly over central and eastern districts; winds southerly and cool over southern districts; warm northerlies in the north.—H. C. Russell.
South Australia.—Cool and fair, with southerly winds.—C. Todd.
Victoria.—Further rains to-day, then clearing up from the westward; light southerly winds.—P. Baracchi.

BRISBANE WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

New South Wales.—Generally the same as Queensland, but the State is under the combined influence of the monsoon "Kates" and the Antarctic disturbance "Walduck." The wind will be variable and strong in places.
Western Australia.—No data; fine weather expected over the southern half with the exception of showers along the coast; hot in the north, with a tendency to thunder.
Northern Territory and Central Australia.—Generally fine and comparatively cool under the increase of pressure.
South Australia.—Generally fine and cool, with the exception of some showers in the coastal districts and a slight tendency to thunder in the far north-east; southerly winds will prevail and moderate seas.
Queensland.—Still unsettled generally under the monsoon "Kates," which will cause still further scattered thunderstorms; chiefly, however, east from a line joining Mungindi and Richmond. Northerly winds in the eastern districts, southerlies in the far west, with comparatively cool temperature.
Victoria and Tasmania.—Still somewhat showery in the coastal regions, chiefly east from Otway, with fresh southerlies. Rain inland in Victoria of an electric character. Fresh to rough seas east from Tasmania.
New Zealand.—Fair for the present, but the disturbance "Walduck" is over the Tasman Sea and will bring further unsettled weather, especially in the south island.
Lord Howe and Norfolk Island.—Fair.
New Caledonia and Adjacent Islands.—Fine, with south-easters.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 12.

Sun rises at 4.38, sets at 7.0; Moon, 3.52 p.m., 1.56 a.m.; Mercury, 4.54 a.m., 6.59 p.m.; Venus, 4.51 a.m., 7.13 p.m.; Mars, 12.32 a.m., 12.19 p.m.; Jupiter, 8.53 a.m., 10.35 p.m.; Saturn, 7.22 a.m., 9.31 p.m.
Full moon, December 15; new moon, December 30.
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THIS DAY.

Victoria.—Overland, *5.30 and 7 p.m.
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Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Dorrigo, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Tasmania.—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Brisbane.—Leura, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Warrimoo, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Turakina, noon.
Richmond River.—St. George, 1 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.
‡ Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Burrumbeet, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Allowrie, 1 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 2 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Mokoia, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY.

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Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
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R.M.S. Victoria (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Victoria, 5.30 p.m.
Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.—Hauroto, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Hobart.—Anglian, 9 a.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Zealandia, 11 a.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Paroo, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1902.

The British and the German squadrons are blockading the Venezuelan coast. It is believed that they have united to seize the Customs-houses.

President Castro says that the seizure of the warships by the British was an unprecedented and arbitrary act, and has aroused the indignation of the Venezuelans to the highest pitch.

He added that as a justifiable reprisal the Government had arrested Germans and all the British residents of Caracas except two, and had seized their railways.

He appealed to the Venezuelans to take up arms.

The warships seized by the British were of no power, and offered no resistance.

President Castro has granted an amnesty to all political offenders in Caracas. He has also restored all confiscated property.

A great demonstration has taken place in Caracas. The mob burned the British and the German flags, and tried to break open the German Legation and Consulate. The police did not attempt to repress the excesses of the crowds.

Yielding to the pressure of the United States Minister, President Castro released the principal men arrested.

The British cruiser Charybdis has seized the Venezuelan torpedo gunboat Bolivar at Port of Spain, Trinidad. The Charybdis detained the officers of the gunboat and landed the crew on the Venezuelan coast.

The torpedo-boat destroyer Quail has started from Trinidad to seize vessels guarding the mouth of the Orinoco.

Large numbers of rebels are assembling throughout the Republic, and a fresh attempt at a revolution is to be made.

Japan objects to the appointment of Mr. Barrett as Minister for the United States in that country, on the ground that he favours the exclusion of Japanese from America.

The work of the great dam at Assouan, on the Nile, has been inaugurated.

Great Britain has collected thousands of horses and mules at Lathrop, Missouri, for shipment to the Transvaal for re-stocking the farms.

The French Government is arranging for a shipping service at Marseilles in accordance with the strikers' proposed scale of rates.

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The Select Committee appointed to inquire into the carriage of newspapers on the railways held a sitting yesterday. Mr. Hugh Pollock, Solicitor-General, was further examined.

The Arbitration Court was occupied yesterday with the dispute between the Undertakers Employees and Assistants' Union of New South Wales and the Master Undertakers' Association.

Mr. J. Cook, M.P., visited Richmond yesterday, and delivered an address strongly denouncing the federal Administration.

Mr. Austin Chapman, Federal Government whip, delivered an address at Cooma on Wednesday night. He claimed that the Government had effected a saving of £165,000 in the Military Department.

The Public Works Committee took evidence in Sydney yesterday regarding the proposed construction of a graving dock at Newcastle.

The report of the Public Works Committee upon the proposal to construct a tramline to Erskineville via Abercrombie-street, Redfern, has been laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly. The estimated cost of the work is £53,264.

The Australian Eleven, who have just returned from a tour in England, will commence a match to-day against 13 of New South Wales on the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The Premier of Western Australia, in replying to a deputation, said he would not establish relief works for the unemployed.

A motion has been carried in the Western Australian Legislative Council that the Constitution Bill be read six months hence.

A report submitted by the president of the State Labour Board shows that between January 13 and October 29 some 1970 men were offered work, but were unable to accept it.

A tragedy occurred at Kanowna (W.A.) on Wednesday evening. A Japanese named Yano and a woman named Sarno were shot dead by a man, who was wounded twice by the police with revolver shots before being arrested.

Wednesday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly lasted until 20 minutes to 4 yesterday morning. A lengthy debate took place upon the question of the Government importing breadstuffs and fodder.

Mr. Donaldson submitted a motion for the adjournment of the Legislative Assembly last night to urge that the construction of the Gundagai-Tumut railway should be carried out with greater expedition. The motion was negatived.

The third reading of the Richmond Bridge Bill was agreed to. Afterwards a debate took place on a motion by Mr. O'Sullivan to provide an additional water supply for Broken Hill at a cost of £19,000.

Most of the inter-state delegates to the recent conference between the Steamship Owners' Federation and the Federated Seamen's Union returned to their homes yesterday. For the present all negotiations have been suspended.

On behalf of the owners it is maintained that the vessels at present laid up owing to shrinkage of trade represent an aggregate of 60,000 tons.

The secretary of the Seamen's Union in New Zealand states that the seamen in that colony will strongly support the seamen of Australia in the event of a strike, but the support would only be of a financial character.

The Sydney Labour Council carried a motion last night upholding the action of the Federal Government in reference to the men detained on board, but also expressing sympathy with them in being induced to come to Australia contrary to law.

The Premier was strongly urged in the Legislative Assembly last night to take upon himself the responsibility of allowing the six felt-hatters on board the Orontes to land. Sir John See said he would immediately telegraph to the Federal Premier upon the subject.

The New South Wales Retail Grocers' Association has declined the request of the Grocers' Assistants' Union to constitute 53 hours a week's work.

According to the sales at Homebush yesterday values still remained high for good beef, the quotation being as much as 52s per 100lb.

The actions against the Customs Department in Victoria by a number of commercial firms to secure refunds of duty have been withdrawn upon the department undertaking to remit the overcharges which were paid under protest.

Eight Chinese who were supplied with the necessary permits landed at Melbourne yesterday, and one who had no permit was detained on board the Tainan.

On behalf of the Naval authorities in Sydney a sale of torpedo boats and a quantity of stores and accoutrements took place yesterday. The Avernus was sold for £550.

A strong branch of the People's Reform League was formed at The Oaks on Wednesday night.

Three Boer farmers' delegates, Messrs. Jooste, Lane, and Nood, arrived in Brisbane yesterday morning by the steamer Miowera.

The water in the Prospect reservoir has attained a height of 180½ft.

The South Australian Premier has intimated to the Federal Government that he is prepared for the present to withdraw all proposals for the transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth.

Tenders for the proposed transcontinental land grant railway have been gazetted.

The German warship Moewe, which for eight months has been engaged in surveying at New Britain and other islands, returned to Sydney yesterday.

The Newcastle and District Sewerage Vigilance Committee refused at its last meeting to interfere in the question of the contract v. the day labour system.

The Stock and Share market remained quiet yesterday. The position was marked by steadiness.

A moderate amount of business was done in the Mining market, chiefly in Queensland gold stocks, which in most cases were firmer.

In the Import market little buoyancy was observable, though the outlook has been improved by the recent rains.

FEDERAL DEFENCE.

It is announced that the Minister for Defence has practically completed his further defence retrenchment scheme. There have been serious difficulties in the way. In the first place, the yearly outlay, under a decision of the Federal Parliament, must not exceed £700,000 for the Commonwealth. Then there is no such thing as a Defence Act in existence yet, though the exercise of control over military and defence matters was one of the first functions assumed by the federal authority, having been expressly provided for, indeed, in the original terms of the federal compact. It would be a waste of time to point out that although the first session is over and the Commonwealth has been nearly two years in existence, this matter has so far been neglected; because criticism of that kind in relation to the management of federal business applies in so many other directions as well. The best has to be made of a bad situation as we find it. "We are trying to carry on the department as if we had a federal Act in force," said Sir John Forrest last Friday, "and dealing with the Commonwealth as a whole." A good deal of difficulty has been met with in adjusting the States' management of their military affairs to that of the Commonwealth, but of course the main trouble arises from the necessity for retrenchment. A considerable reduction, amounting to something like £131,000, was decided on before the defence estimates were submitted to Parliament, and the sum left, £762,104, represented the idea held by the then Acting Minister as to what the military establishment should cost for the year. As we know, the labour party thought otherwise. A sum of £62,000 was knocked off the estimate, and when Sir John Forrest returned he found that his colleague had accepted the reduction with the remark that "he could reduce further without any serious impairment of efficiency, he hoped, and was prepared to reduce from about December in the proportion of £62,000 a year."

It might be thought, perhaps, that the vote as it stands was decided on in the best interests of federal defence. Our report shows, however, that the Ministerial estimate embodied the Ministerial view on the point, and Ministers altered it because, as our special reporter wrote at the time, "quiet inquiries were going on among members as to the probability of carrying an amendment for a substantial reduction." The results are as we have since seen. One was the stoppage of recruiting, which we now learn has caused a greater reduction in the forces than was expected. By the beginning of October the total strength had fallen by nearly 4000, so that the Minister for Defence has been constrained to give orders that modified recruiting must be again resorted to. It is understood that when Sir John Forrest returned he was not altogether satisfied with what had been done in his absence. On the day of his arrival here he told our reporter that in his opinion "this slap-dash method" of reducing estimates "wholesale by lump sums" was not a good system. He also made a statement of his views regarding the possibility of administering his department on the lines thus laid down for him. Sir Edward Hutton expressed strong opinions to the same general effect, but of course both the Minister and the Commandant are bound to obey the will of Parliament in this as in all other matters. They have to recognise, too, especially in view of the operation of the 87th clause, the necessity for economically administering their department if they are to protect it from becoming too costly, and consequently unpopular in the eyes of the public taxpayer. When Sir Edward Hutton made his first report after the estimates were adopted he said that he viewed the effect of the necessary reductions with considerable apprehension. He described it as hazardous in the extreme to undermine the efficiency of our defence force by reductions which would discount its future practical value.

The Commandant's latest scheme, of which we published an explanation last week, and on which the Minister's completed scheme is presumably based, shows a spirit of loyal adaptableness to the conditions laid down and to the necessities of the situation. At first he seemed to fear that a retrenched defence force would be incapable of prompt expansion. He was reminded that Canada has 70 officers and 1000 permanent men, as against 117 officers and 1500 men in the Commonwealth. His answer, based on his own personal experience in the Dominion, was that the force there was kept up for instructional purposes only. In the scheme now submitted by him he contemplates following the same course here. He has in view a less expensive military system, but one which will act as the elastic framework into which the required fighting material can be fitted when the emergency arises. The complement of officers and non-commissioned officers is to be kept full, while the rank-and-file will stand at half strength. This means a standing establishment of experts capable of drilling and shaping raw material on any emergency. "The whole principle underlying the peace and war establishments," the Commandant explained in reference to his scheme, "was to have the framework always ready, so that when it became necessary to place the forces on a war footing the staff of trained officers would be equal to the command of the larger body of men." This seems to approach the ideal of a citizens' defence establishment. We do not aim at creating a military class and an ornamental force, but our money would be thrown away if it did not buy for us some guarantee of training and discipline for a citizen soldiery. The total peace force of 13,890, including permanent officers and men, is a nucleus, which it is proposed can readily be expanded to 27,720 for a war establishment. To be sure, the scheme supposes a thorough training of officers, for on them the success of the experiment rests. Given good and efficient leaders the recruited forces will quickly be polished into shape. We have yet to know how far Sir Edward Hutton's sketch shadows forth the Minister's complete scheme, but meanwhile it is satisfactory to have the Commandant's assurance that the identity of the New South Wales mounted regiments will be preserved. Their names as participants in the Boer war are now historical.

AFRIKANDER ASPIRATIONS.

Notwithstanding the recently reported utterances of General Viljoen in London as to the absurdity of supposing that Dutch South Africa still aspires to a national independence, the warning which the late pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church at Piquetburg, in Cape Colony, has just given is worthy of more than passing attention. It will be remembered that this gentleman fell into disfavour with his congregation by reason of his loyalty to England during the war. So strongly did his flock disapprove of his conduct that the members of it subscribed the sum of £1000, which was offered to him conditionally upon his resigning his charge. This he at first refused to do, but the pressure of public opinion becoming too strong, the reverend gentleman was finally compelled to relinquish the position of resistance which he had felt justified in taking up. It is not difficult to understand that its maintenance must have been next to impossible in the face of such general disapprobation as the pastor's conduct seems to have called forth. But apart from the personal interest which appertains to the incident, it is in itself one of the most significant indications of the state of political feeling in Cape Colony which we have had opportunity of observing. That, in a British colony, a clergyman should practically be expelled from his living because of his conscientious loyalty to the British Crown seems to argue a state of latent rebellion even more seriously to be regarded than the views of correspondents or politicians give ground for. Such an incident is not merely evidence of the personal unpopularity which the gentleman in question has incurred—it is rather a sign of the deep detestation in which a large proportion of the white population of South Africa holds things British, and it is curiously contradictory of General Viljoen's statement.

In the course of an interview, the late pastor of Piquetburg is said to have declared that the Dutch people's hope of an ultimate Dutch South Africa was more widespread and deeprooted than Englishmen supposed, and he expressed an opinion that this aspiration was largely the outcome of the leniency which has been shown to rebels and those who have acquiesced in acts of rebellion. There seems to be little reason to doubt the correctness of these views. On the contrary, the fact that they are only too well founded is supported by evidence from many sources. It might, indeed, be argued that they may be inspired by a certain bitterness of soul and disappointment, not unnatural, upon the part of their enunciator. It is possible to suppose that he would wish to justify the stand he made by an insistence upon the reality of the danger which he set himself to combat, and that being human, he may possibly have exaggerated its momentousness. But there is not wanting confirmation of the fact that the spirit of unrest in Cape Colony especially, is active. We do not need to turn to the speeches of members of Parliament, or the pronouncements of leaders of the Afrikander party, in order to find proof that this is so. It is rather in the records of such transactions as those of Piquetburg that we see the straws which show the direction of the wind. The boycotting of those who remained loyal to England by their pro-Boer neighbours, the openly manifested distrust and dislike of things belonging to, or connected with, British rule in Africa, the hundred and one little instances of disaffection which may be read between the lines of the cablegrams from Capetown are proof that the "settling down" process has not yet begun with that thoroughness of aim and intent which is most desirable.

How such unrest may be induced to cease is a problem which presents many difficulties. It is not so much a feature of prominence in the two new colonies—the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony—as in Cape Colony itself. The people of the two firstnamed provinces are exhausted by war, and are fully occupied in the effort to resuscitate their means of livelihood. But in Cape Colony there is the deep disappointment in the result of the war which is peculiar to the looker-on with Boer sympathies—the "backer" who would applaud, but not fight himself. He feels the overthrow of his aspirations much more keenly than the man who has struggled until the last ounce of strength has gone out of him. The fighter knows that he is beaten; the onlooker has not suffered as he has, and consequently does not realise what to be fairly beaten means. And so he will not cease to agitate, in order that his brother may be induced to face the ordeal of arms again. This is the spirit which England needs to discountenance so strongly. It is strange that the experience of the last three years has not impressed the Boers of South Africa with a sense of the futility of compromise in dealing with rebellion, and what makes for rebellion. Again and again has it been shown that the African Dutch alone respect the strong hand.

THE LOAN BILL.

In saying that the securities of New South Wales are the lowest in the Australasian list because the stock is in the hands of underwriters the Attorney-General may be asked, why is it there? No other answer is possible but that it was placed in them much too speedily by the Government. In other words, there was overborrowing. This is the accusation, and the reply admits its truth. Indeed Mr. Wise confesses that the Government has been going too fast during the last two years. That is all that under this head is alleged. And the consequences of this condition in which the Government has placed the State are so serious that it has now to resort to unusual measures to obtain further money. Whether the State will recover its pre-eminent position in the group when the inscribed stock leaves the hands of the underwriters remains to be seen. Restoration will not be promoted by the additional borrowing and the knowledge that large amounts are being dispensed in relief works. The admitted extravagance of the two years and the further borrowing on Treasury bills are all part of the same policy, and have to be judged together. But for the expenditure of the two years the troubles now would not exist. The money market would have been more favourable and fewer men would have been in the public employ. Indeed the conditions would be favourable for the construction of some useful public works. But the haste to begin such works with the advent of the Government, and to accelerate the pace from month to month, has converted what would have been a favourable opportunity for Government employment into an unfavourable necessity for it. At least, that is what Parliament thinks. It is therefore useless for the Attorney-General, while admitting the conditions to cavil at those who have forced the admission. What the return presented by him really shows is that, apart from the repayment of £2,631,900 of loan money, the Government had spent on public works £11,845,930. The fact that a portion of the money represented contracts authorised by the preceding Government does not touch the matter; for if that be omitted there would have to be added the amount of the contracts already authorised but not effected or paid for, which would probably be quite as much. Judging by the policy of the two Governments the authorised works of the first would not have been executed so rapidly as when undertaken by the present Administration. Therefore £11,845,930 is the amount to be charged directly against this Government on its own figures, in addition to £659,000, the difference between the net proceeds of the loans raised and the amount of stock sold and added to the debt. On its own presentation of figures the Government is responsible for obligations amounting to £12,504,000. And this takes no account of the conversion of a credit balance on the consolidated revenue account into a debit, nor of the obligations in respect of the trust funds. However, at present it may be sufficient to express satisfaction at the confession of the Attorney-General, and the promise to endeavour to rectify the troubles into which the Government have brought the country.

SEAMEN'S WAGES.

It is matter for much regret that the recent conference between representatives of the steamship owners and of the seamen employed by them ended without arriving at a settlement of the point in dispute. It will be remembered that in June last an agreement was made by the owners and the seamen that, at the meeting then arranged upon and now held, the seamen would accept without further question a reduction of least 10s per month. There was, of course, a condition, and that condition was "if trade has not improved." It appears now that an omission was made, and that the arrangement should have contained a statement as to which of the two contracting parties was to show whether trade had or had not improved in the interval. It was assumed that the owners and not the men were the persons who should pronounce on this question. The owners would have all the facts before them. They would know whether their boats carried more cargo and passengers than before, and whether the carriage meant as much or more payment in the way of freights and fares. Well, the owners on a review of the position came to the conclusion that trade had not improved, and they therefore asked the seamen to accept a reduction of £1 per month in their wages on the termination of the provisional arrangement. The delegates of the seamen, on the other hand, maintain that trade has improved, and that therefore the owners are not entitled to suggest any reduction in seamen's wages. Here there is a difficulty, and as neither side seems disposed to give way, the possibilities are that at the conclusion of the present agreement the inter-state shipping trade may be dislocated. Happily this agreement does not expire until the end of next month, and in the interval good counsels may prevail. The position, however, is complicated by the fact that, so far as regards the majority of the seamen employed, the Arbitration Court may be invoked. There is fortunately plenty of time for the full consideration of the whole matter, and it may be hoped that this consideration will end in the adoption of an amicable arrangement.

Dinner Party at the State Government House.—A dinner party was given last evening by his Excellency the Governor and Lady Rawson at the State Government House, Rose Bay. The guests present were:—M. Biard d'Aunet, Consul-General for France; Herr von Buri, Consul-General for Germany, and Frau von Buri; Mr. H. S. Eitaki, Acting Consul-General for Japan, and Mrs. Eitaki; Mr. M. Theodor Boesen, Consul-General for Denmark, and Mrs. Boesen; Mr. R. Sandeman Collum, Consul for Portugal, and Mrs. Collum; Mr. Edmund M. Paul, Consul for Russia, and Mrs. Paul; Dr. Aug. Scheidel, Consul for Austria-Hungary; Miss Rawson, Miss Bloomfield, Miss Knox; Mr. J. T. Tillock, Consul-General for Argentine Republic; M. Nettement, Deputy-Consul for France; Mr. Robertson Clark, acting private secretary.

Late Sitting of the Assembly.—The Legislative Assembly held another late sitting on Wednesday. Mr. Carruthers' motion in favour of the remission of the fodder duties was debated until midnight. Two amendments were moved, one of them, by Mr. Webster, a member of the Labour party, being carried. The motion then took the following form:—"That in the opinion of this House, in view of the serious effects of the drought and the failure of the wheat harvest, the Government should, if the necessity arises, import breadstuffs and fodder and sell them at reasonable rates." After several divisions, and the repeated application of the closure, the motion was agreed to in that form. Considerable confusion prevailed, and as the night wore on, it developed into disorder. The third reading of the Treasury Bills Bill was agreed to, but nine divisions, in a pretty full House, were taken before the final and formal stages of the measure were disposed of. The Richmond Bridge Bill was read the second time, and passed through committee. The Legislative Council's amendments in the Registration of Firms Bill were accepted, and the House adjourned at twenty minutes to 4 yesterday morning.

Organising the Liberal Party.—Steps are being taken to organise the Liberal party on a strong fighting basis. A meeting for that purpose has been arranged for Friday, December 19, at a place to be fixed. Mr. Carruthers, the leader of the party in Parliament, will outline the policy of the Liberal party, and resolutions for the constitution of the Liberal Association will be submitted to the meeting.

Timber for South African Railways.—In a communication received by the Minister for Agriculture from Mr. Valder, the New South Wales commercial agent at Capetown, that officer encloses specifications for the supply of pine boards, pitch pine and Rangoon teak logs, and planks required by the Cape railways. The tenders must be received by the Controller and Auditor-General, Capetown, by Friday, January 23, 1903. The specifications may be seen at the office of the Government Board for Exports, 17 Bridge-street, Sydney.

Mount Kembla Royal Commission.—The members of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the explosion in the Mount Kembla Mine, and to report upon the precautions necessary to be taken to prevent a repetition of such a serious loss of life, will proceed to Wollongong this morning for the purpose of making arrangements to inaugurate the inquiry. The members of the commission are:—Judge Murray, Mr. D. A. W. Robertson (manager of the Metropolitan Colliery, Helensburg), and Mr. D. Ritchie (general secretary of the Illawarra District Miners' Association).

The Mona Estate.—For some time past the representative of the proprietor of Mona Estate, Darling Point, and the Woollahra Borough Council, have been conducting negotiations with reference to the taking over the streets and lanes by the latter body upon the subdivision of the estate. Messrs. Dowling and Tayler, the council's solicitors, at the last meeting of the council forwarded the agreement which had been completed between the proprietor of the estate and the council. It was therein provided that the council would withdraw its objection to the proprietor purchasing that portion of land adjoining the estate, and having a frontage to Beach-road, and would also accept the dedication of the streets, &c., in the subdivision upon the same being first properly formed, ballasted, and made by the proprietor.

A fair in aid of the funds of the Free Kindergarten will be opened by Lady Rawson in the concert hall, Queen Victoria Markets, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The fair will remain open until 10 o'clock this evening.

Miss Harris, of Littlebridge, Ultimo, will open a bazaar to-day, at 3 p.m., at the Redfern Town Hall, in aid of the Women's Guild and Sunshine Societies of Chalmers Presbyterian Church.

The members of the Photographic Society of New South Wales held a pleasant harbour excursion on Saturday. There was a good attendance, and during the trip around the harbour several excellent photographs of popular resorts were obtained, in addition to which the yachts taking part in the Prince Alfred Yacht Club races were photographed. During the trip Mrs. Perrier acted as hostess.

Combined rail and steamer excursion to the Hawkesbury will be made to-morrow. Train will leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. Similar tickets will be issued to Parkesvale (George's River) to-morrow by train leaving Sydney at 2.10 p.m.

Messrs. S. H. Harris and Co. elsewhere announce that they will sell by auction a quantity of jewellery, at their mart, 199 Pitt-street, at 11 a.m. to-day.

In the list of names of candidates who received honourable mention for French recitation at the recent examination held at the Queen's Hall, under the auspices of the Alliance Francaise, the name of Miss Edith Murphy, pupil of the Newtown Superior Public School, was omitted.

The steamer Newcastle will, weather permitting, leave the wharf at foot of Market-street at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon for a trip to the Hawkesbury.

A moonlight excursion and concert, arranged by the Stanmore Presbyterian Choir, will be held to-night. The steamer Lady Hampden is to leave the Government jetty, Fort Macquarie, at 7.45 p.m.

The R.A.A. Band will (weather permitting) perform in Hyde Park this afternoon, commencing at 3.30 o'clock.

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

THE POSITION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Tenders were advertised to-day in the "Government Gazette" for the construction of a transcontinental railway on the land-grant system. Offers will be received up to May 2, 1904.

Yesterday the Premier sent to Sir E. Barton a reply to the Prime Minister's communication of December 4. Referring to that communication, Mr. Jenkins states: "If the Northern Territory were handed over to the Commonwealth before tenders for the construction of the railway are dealt with, the acceptance or rejection of a tender would necessarily fall to the federal executive, which would presumably not act without the authority of the Federal Parliament. Indeed, the Act, section 48, specifically provides that in case of transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth, the powers reserved to the State shall be vested with the Commonwealth executive. Such being the case my Government felt that they could not leave the decision of a question of such vital importance to the State to be decided by the Federal authority, and accordingly my reply was that until tenders are dealt with negotiations must be considered as suspended. It occurred to me that form of reply would convey to you the desire of this State Government not to break off altogether negotiations for the transfer of the Northern Territory, but at the same time to retain the deciding power as to the construction of the railway. If, however, you find that the situation involves your Government in any difficulty I am prepared, on behalf of this Government, to withdraw for the present all proposals for the transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth."

TO-DAY.

Sydney Cricket Ground: Australian Eleven v. Thirteen of New South Wales, noon.
Reception to Mr. Victor Trumper: Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Brighton Races: First Event, 2.40 p.m.
Address by Mr. Tom Mann: Town Hall, Newtown, 8 p.m.
The Kindergarten Fair: Concert Hall, Queen Victoria Markets, 3 p.m.
Bazaar: Redfern Town Hall, 3 p.m.
Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union: Smoke Concert, Her Majesty's Hotel, Pitt-street, 8.30 p.m.
The Mutoscope: 390 George-street and 74 Oxford-street, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions and Cinematographs, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "A Trip to Chicago," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The White Heather," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: New Vaudeville Company, 8 p.m.

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COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

THE INTER-STATE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Upon the attention of the Federal Premier being drawn to the resolution passed by the Tasmanian Parliament last evening in reference to the Navigation Bill, Sir E. Barton said "they had much better not cry out until they are hurt. It is a pity they do not recognise that the authority which has to deal with this matter is the one which should be approached."

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS.

By the steamer Tsinan from Hongkong to-day nine Chinese arrived, three were naturalised British subjects, three had Victorian permit papers, and two had South Australian permits. Those eight were allowed to land, the other one having no papers was detained on board.

THE ACTIONS AGAINST THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

The actions against the Victorian Collector of Customs for the refund of duty wrongly imposed has been withdrawn by Messrs. Braham and Pirani on defendant agreeing to remit the overcharges paid under protest in each case. The several plaintiffs for whom Messrs. Braham and Pirani acted were Messrs. M'Naughton, Love, and Co., Robert Reid and Co., Patterson, Laing, and Co., Beath, Schiess, and Co., Banks and Co., Sargood Butler, and Co., Fenwick Brothers, and Robertson and Moffat.

THE HOME SECRETARY.

Sir William Lyne went to Melbourne by last night's express. Next week he will make a short tour of portion of his electorate.

NOTES IN THE STATE PARLIAMENT.

The first business of importance before the Legislative Council yesterday was the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Infants' Protection Bill. After some remarks by Sir Arthur Renwick and several other hon. members, the motion was agreed to, and the bill was committed pro forma. The Standing Orders having been suspended to permit of the passage through all its stages in one day, the Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Treasury Bills Bill. He took occasion to make a protest against statements which had been made, as he said, in the press to the effect that the Government had since the time when Mr. Reid left office borrowed money to the extent of £17,000,000. He said this was not the case, inasmuch as a considerable portion of the money borrowed had been expended in the discharge of liabilities left to the Government by its predecessors in office, and that the actual amount expended was about £3,000,000 in three years, or about £1,000,000 a year. At the present time the Government were asking for £4,000,000 of money, to be raised by Treasury bills, and he said that the increase to the indebtedness of the State was really only some £3,000,000, as £1,000,000 had been already spent. Mr. Wise quoted from a statement prepared by Mr. Boyce, chief accountant to the Treasury, which he maintained showed that the increase of the public debt had only been £10,455,000, instead of the amount stated by the critics. The bill, after debate, was read the second time, passed through all its remaining stages, and returned to the Assembly.

Among other matters dealt with during the evening were the Municipal Loans Validating Bill, and the Advances to Settlers Amendment Bill which were read the second time and passed through committee. Further consideration of the Fisheries Bill and the Wine Adulteration Bill was postponed until this afternoon, and the House then proceeded with the debate on the Gold Dredging Leases Modification Bill, but upon a division being taken on the second reading only 12 members were found to be present, and the President adjourned the House at 10.55 p.m. until 4 o'clock on the following day. Before the House adjourned the Vice-President of the Executive Council gave notice of his intention to move to-day that Tuesday next should be an additional sitting day.

At an early stage in yesterday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly it was evident that business was not likely to go through smoothly and expeditiously. There were frequent allusions to the events of the previous evening, when the "closure" was repeatedly applied. In these circumstances the House took over an hour to deal with the formal business.

By consent the third reading of the Savings Bank (Amendment) Bill was taken as formal, and the measure was passed.

The box near the Speaker, into which members place notices of motions for adjournment, was full of notices. The Speaker drew out one, which proved to be Mr. Donaldson's. This hon. member wished to discuss the necessity for greater expedition in regard to the construction of the railway from Gundagai to Tumut. After Mr. Donaldson had made his speech members of the Opposition discussed the motion. It was asserted that a number of Government supporters had put notices in the Speaker's box with a view to blocking an Opposition member who wished to move the adjournment of the House. Mr. Moore said "the box was so full that there was not room to put in another notice." After the motion had been discussed with apparent seriousness for about three hours Mr. Perry, the Minister for Education, moved,—"That the question be now put." This was agreed to, and the motion for adjournment on being put was negatived by 60 votes to 21.

There followed a brief interchange between the Premier and the leader of the Opposition. The latter asked what business the Government intended to proceed with. The Premier gave a list of the matters proposed to be dealt with. "You will never get it through," said Mr. Carruthers, several of whose supporters exclaimed "An all night of it."

The Richmond Bridge Bill was read the third time and sent to the Council for its concurrence.

The Minister for Works proposed a motion that in view of the threatened water famine at Broken Hill it was essential that a weir should be constructed across Yanco Glen for the purpose of providing water storage. He said the work was an urgent one, and would cost about £19,000.

During the debate Mr. David Storey submitted an amendment that the cost of the work should not exceed £20,000. The Minister declined to accept this, and after a two hours' discussion the amendment was negatived on the voices. The motion was then agreed to, Mr. Affleck being the only member who sat on the noes side of the chamber.

No time was lost in agreeing to a motion by the Premier that it was expedient to introduce a bill to grant monetary assistance to municipalities in making roads and asphalting footpaths. The Burwood Loan Validation Bill was introduced and read the first time in the course of a few minutes.

Amidst cries of "Adjourn" the Treasurer shortly after midnight moved the House into a Committee of Supply to consider the Additional Estimates amounting to £244,739, as well as the Treasurer's Advance Account of £168,669 for the current financial year.

THE SAMOAN ERUPTIONS.

THIRTEEN EARTHQUAKES.

DAMAGE TO CHURCHES.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Later news of the eruptions at Savaii state that 13 earthquakes took place, of which two were of a heavy character, so that some stone churches at Safune and Sasina were considerably damaged. One church in Paia was altogether destroyed. The effects of earthquakes showed themselves in landslips and the removal of blocks of stone, also in some small fissures. Apart from the churches no buildings were damaged. On November 7, Dr. Tetens, the Government astronomer, was successful in getting near to the volcano. According to his report, out of a crater of 100 yards broad good and sometimes weaker volumes of smoke were rising, and at intervals gleaming bodies were thrown up, sometimes to a height of 100 yards, falling back partly in the crater and partly on the outside of the crater. There was only one active volcano. Dr. Tetens visited a point about 3000 yards from the volcano, and there found a dam, about 5 yards to 10 yards high and 50 to 100 yards broad, consisting of loose stones and still hot scoria, ejected by the volcano. The eruption had thrown down all trees within its locality, and had burned them to cinders. No movement of a volcanic mass was noticeable. How far it extended could not be ascertained. The violence of the eruption had, according to Dr. Tetens' report, decreased.

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VENEZUELA.

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION IN THE CAPITAL.

AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL OFFENDERS.

BRITISH AND GERMAN FLAGS BURNED.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

President Castro has granted an amnesty to all political offenders in Caracas. He has also restored all confiscated property.

A great patriotic demonstration has taken place in Caracas. The mob tried to break open the German legation and consulate, and burned the British and the German flags. The police did not attempt to repress the excesses of the crowds.

Intense excitement prevails and the situation in the capital is regarded as critical.

THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINS THE POSITION

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REPRISALS JUSTIFIED.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

President Castro yesterday informed the House of Representatives of the Republic that the armed seizure by the British of Venezuelan warships lying at the quays of La Guayra was an arbitrary and unprecedented act, and had roused the indignation of the Venezuelans to the highest pitch.

President Castro continued, that as a justifiable reprisal the Government had arrested 97 Germans and all the British residents of the Caracas except two, and had seized their railways.

The President appealed to the Venezuelans to take up arms.

THE ARREST OF BRITISH AND GERMAN CITIZENS.

SOME RELEASED.

INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES MINISTER.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

It was reported yesterday that President Castro had arrested all the British and German citizens in the capital.

Yielding to the representations of Mr. H. W. Bowen, the United States Minister, who has assumed charge of British and German interests, President Castro has released the principal men of those whom he arrested. Mr. Bowen is pressing for the release of the remainder.

BLOCKADE OF THE COAST.

DIVISION OF WORK.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The British squadron blockades the Venezuelan coast from Demerara to La Guayra. The German squadron accounts for the remainder of the coastline, viz., from La Guayra to the Colombian boundary.

It is believed that the squadrons have united to seize the customs-houses.

The work of blockading the coast of Venezuela is equally divided between the British Squadron and German Squadron. The former watches the coast from British Guiana on the south-east to La Guayra, the principal seaport of the republic; while the latter guards the line from La Guayra to the Colombian border on the west.

THE SEIZURE OF WAR VESSELS.

NO RESISTANCE MADE.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The four Venezuelan war ships which were seized by the British squadron in La Guayra harbour, were vessels of no power, and offered no resistance to the seizure.

The British cruiser Charybdis has seized the Venezuelan torpedo gunboat Bolivar at Port of Spain, Trinidad. The Charybdis detained the officers of the gunboat, and landed the crew on the Venezuelan coast.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Quail has started from Trinidad to seize vessels guarding the mouth of the Orinoco.

[The Venezuelan navy consists on the gun vessel Libertador, 832 tons; four river gunboats; the torpedo gunboats Bolivar, 571 tons, 18·5 knots, launched in 1891, and the Miranda, 200 tons, 12 knots, launched in 1895.]

THE TERMS OF THE ULTIMATUM.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Captain H. Lyon, of the British cruiser Retribution, sent an ultimatum to Caracas, allowing 48 hours in which to pay 34,000dols. (£6800) cash each to Great Britain and Germany, who agree to have the other claims settled by a mixed tribunal.

[It is expected that if the ultimatum is ignored by Venezuela the ports of Puerto Cabello and La Guayra will be seized. Great Britain's claims upon Venezuela are based upon the seizure of the railway and vessels, illtreatment of Britons, and the arbitrary proceedings against British interests and property during the war. Germany claims the immediate payment of 1,700,000 bolivars (about £70,000), representing the losses of German subjects during the civil war up to 1900, and demands a satisfactory guarantee for the payment of additional claims of 3,000,000 bolivars (about £125,000), arising out of the recent civil war, also the settlement of other claims, especially those connected with the German-Venezuelan railway.]

A REVOLUTIONARY RALLY.

A FRESH ATTEMPT TO BE MADE.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Rolando Riera, a prominent leader of the late Venezuelan revolution, has rallied 2400 rebels. A fresh attempt at revolution is to be made.

Large numbers of rebels are assembling in other parts of the republic.

COLLECTION OF COLOURS.

APPLICATION TO MANUFACTURES.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

At the instance of Mr. H. Copeland, the Agent-General for New South Wales, Mr. Barton Faithful, a colour specialist, has formed a complete collection of colours as applied to manufactures, for presentation to the Sydney Museum or Technological College.

The Minister for Education, when seen on the subject last evening at Parliament House, said he was unaware of any arrangement having been made with Mr. Faithful to obtain a collection of colours. He is of opinion that the collection is destined for the museum in connection with the Technical College. Mr. Perry added that Mr. Baker, curator of the museum, had devoted considerable research into the production of colours from vegetable products, and understood that he had succeeded in producing some valuable dyes.

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FRANCE.

THE SHIPPING STRIKE.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The French Government is arranging for a shipping service at Marseilles, in accordance with the strikers' proposed scale of rates. The employers are to make good the difference between the old rate and the new rate if they ultimately are not victorious; otherwise the Government will pay it.

THE PARIS ELOPEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Ex-Senator Leplay is reconciled to the marriage of his daughter with Dr. Marcelle. The pair have telegraphed that they are safe and happy at Turin.

[It was reported that Dr. Marcelle on December 10 abducted a daughter of ex-Senator Leplay, in Paris. The lady was going to a music lesson at the time. Dr. Marcelle, who was in a motor car, stopped the car, lifted her into it, and drove away. Friends of Dr. Marcelle prevented passers-by proceeding to the assistance of the lady. The affair caused a sensation at Paris.]

A DUEL AVOIDED.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

A duel between M. Syveton (Nationalist deputy) and M. Valle (Minister for Justice) has been avoided.

[M. Syveton insulted the Minister in the Chamber of Deputies. A scrimmage between the Nationalists and Radicals took place in front of the Tribune, and the sitting was suspended. Later the Chamber resumed, and a motion was carried expelling MM. Contant and Syveton. The latter sent his seconds to M. Valle.]

IRELAND.

THE COUNTESS OF DUDLEY.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Countess of Dudley, who was operated upon yesterday, had a restless night, and suffers from exhaustion and lack of sleep.

Dec. 11.

After a refreshing sleep yesterday the Countess of Dudley is now substantially better.

INCITING TO MURDER.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Mr. Denis Kilbride, an ex-M.P., has been found guilty of having incited certain persons to murder Major Devenish Meares, of Meares' Court, Ireland.

Prisoner was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment without hard labour.

THE ASSOUAN DAM.

OPENING CEREMONY.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The work of the great dam at Assouan, on the Nile, was inaugurated to-day. Among those present at the opening ceremony were the Duke and the Duchess of Connaught, the Khedive, and Lord Cromer.

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At the inauguration of the work of the Assouan Dam yesterday, after the Duchess of Connaught had laid the last stone of the dam the Duke of Connaught opened the lock gates and the Khedive opened the sluices.

A SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The engagement is announced of Lady Sybil Primrose, daughter of the Earl of Rosebery, to Lieutenant Charles J. C. Grant, Adjutant of the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards.

THE CHARGE AGAINST A PUBLICAN.

TWO BODIES EXHUMED.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The bodies of two wives of a publican named Chapman, at Southwark, have been exhumed.

On November 26 it was cabled that Chapman had been charged with murdering Maud Marsh, a barmaid. Analysts reported that arsenic was found in the stomach of the deceased.

At the Southwark Police Court yesterday (says the "Standard" of October 28) George Chapman, 36, licensed victualler, of the Crown Public-house, Borough High-street, was charged, before Mr. Paul Taylor, with feloniously killing and slaying Maude Marsh, aged 20, who had been living with him, by administering arsenic to her on October 22. The prisoner is well known at the court, he having prosecuted a few months ago two persons for obtaining £700 by false pretences. He alleged that they obtained the money from him by way of a loan on the security of some share certificates, which turned out to be worthless. After his arrest the Crown Public-house was searched, and the police found several books relating to medicines and drugs, some white powders (which had not yet been analysed), £143 10s in gold, £15 in silver, 16 £5-notes, and three £10-notes. The police also discovered undertaker's bills relating to the burial of the prisoner's wife, who died on February 13, 1901, and a Mary Isabella Chapman, aged 41, who died in 1897. Marsh was attended by Dr. J. Morris Stoker, of Kent-road, for diarrhœa and sickness. His suspicions were aroused by the symptoms being the same as in the case of the prisoner's wife, in which, after three consultations, he certified that death was due to diarrhœa, vomiting, and exhaustion. He requested the prisoner to engage a nurse, and Jessie Toon, of Etham-street, Borough, was called in. A servant in the public-house said she had heard that the diarrhœa from which Marsh was said to be suffering was the result of eating some rabbit about three weeks ago. She had some of it, and had found it nice, and it did not affect her. Marsh could not take any food in the ordinary way four days after the doctor was called in. She died on October 22, and Dr. Stoker insisted on a post-mortem examination. He was assisted by Dr. P. G. Cotter, of 57 Caledonia-road, Islington, and no satisfactory cause of death could be found. A portion of the stomach was sent to the borough analyst, who certified that he had discovered "an appreciable quantity of arsenic." The deceased advertised about 14 months ago for a situation as barmaid, and the prisoner replied. After she had been in his service a little time it is alleged that he asked her how she would like to be Mrs. Chapman. Her father understood that she was married.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

A fire occurred at the Scottish Cold Storage Company's premises, Glasgow. The damage is estimated at £10,000.

The Treasury will benefit to the extent of £320,000 by duties in the estate of the late Colonel M'Calmont.

Dec. 11.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Premier, replying to a question in the House of Commons last night asked by Mr. Keir Hardie (Labour), said that the reported distress in London was much exaggerated.

Mr. Allcott, a manufacturer of paving blocks, is suing Mr. H. B. Lefroy, the Agent-General for Western Australia, for alleged libel in stating that his red-gum blocks were practically useless. Mr. Lefroy pleaded fair comment, and that he had published the statement in pursuance of his official duties.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.—Dec. 12.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

HORSES AND MULES.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Great Britain has collected thousands of horses and mules at Lathrop, Missouri, for shipment in the middle of January to re-stock the farms in the Transvaal. Many thousands are still required.

DURBAN DOCK.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The floating dock at Durban, which was recently wrecked at Mossel Bay through parting from a towing steamer, is to be replaced by another capable of lifting a vessel of 8500 tons.

JAPAN.

THE UNITED STATES MINISTER.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Japan objects to the appointment of Mr. Barrett as Minister for the United States in that country, on the ground that he favours the exclusion of Japanese from America.

THE UNITED STATES.

A COLLIERY DISASTER.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

A miner carelessly dropped a stick of dynamite at the South Wilkesbarre colliery, Pennsylvania, causing an explosion, and 17 miners were killed.

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD.

A HUGE BENEFACTION EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The United States Congress has passed a bill creating a general Education Board. It is believed that the bill is the prelude to a huge national benefaction from Mr. John Rockefeller, excelling the benefactions of Mr. A. Carnegie.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE LORDS.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The Education Bill was again considered in committee of the House of Lords last night.

The Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Moorhouse) moved an amendment transferring the responsibility of making repairs of wear and tear of schools from the church to the local authority. The amendment was carried by 114 votes to 88, despite the opposition of the Duke of Devonshire, the Lord President of the Council.

Earl Spencer, the leader of the Opposition, and the Earl of Rosebery voted with the Government.

At the instance of the Earl of Halsbury, the Lord Chancellor, a proviso was added to what is known as the Kenyon-Slaney sub-clause of clause 8, defining more distinctly the right of appeal to Bishops under trust deeds in regard to the character of religious instruction.

The sub-clause to clause 8 carried in the House of Commons on the motion of Colonel Kenyon-Slaney is as follows:—"Religious instruction shall be given in voluntary schools in accordance with the tenor of the provisions, if any, of the trust deeds relating thereto, and shall be under the control of the managers."

THE DUBLIN TRAGEDY.

EVIDENCE BY ACCUSED.

A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The trial of William John Martin on a charge of murdering his wife at Dublin was continued to-day. Accused gave evidence on the lines indicated by his counsel, Sir J. Symon.

Accused said that in fulfilment of his promise to get hares for his wife he took some cartridges out of a bookcase, and picked up the gun. When he was doing this he noticed a cartridge lying on the sideboard, and took it in his hand, where it remained until after the accident. When he picked up the gun his wife rushed at him, and got hold of it by the muzzle and called out, "Mrs. Whyte, he is pointing the gun at me." He replied, "Don't be a fool, it is not loaded," and he believed at the time that his statement was true. When he put the weapon in his parlour on Sunday afternoon he was under the impression that he withdrew the charge. His wife relinquished the grip of the gun, and left the house with Mrs. Whyte. He remained to shut the doors of two of the rooms, and then followed the women out of the house. He was holding the gun under his left hand, and as he stooped down into the verandah from the doorway he placed the stock under his arm to carry it more conveniently. As he did so it exploded. He denied that he placed the gun against his shoulder or that he levelled it at his wife. He had no knowledge of having touched the trigger, and could not account for the gun having exploded when it did. Cross-examined, he said that when he picked up the gun in the parlour the breech was closed, and he did not open it to ascertain whether it was loaded. He borrowed the gun in September while his wife was staying at the Dublin Hotel, and took it with him on one occasion when he visited her there. He denied, however, that he placed two cartridges in the weapon while he was there. Re-examined by Sir J. Symon he said that he borrowed the gun in September to comply with the district council notice to destroy rabbits on his property. He had never treated his wife with violence in his life.

After addresses by counsel the Judge summed up. He said that the issue that the jury had to determine was whether the shooting was wilful or accidental.

The jury retired to consider their verdict at half-past 5 o'clock. Two hours later the jury returned into court and asked the Judge to repeat the definitions of murder and manslaughter and accidental killing. This having been done, they again retired, and at 9 o'clock returned a verdict of not guilty. Martin was discharged.

TRAGEDY AT KANOWNA.

TWO ASIATICS SHOT.

ARREST OF A JAPANESE.

WOUNDED BY THE POLICE.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

A shocking tragedy took place at Kanowna on Wednesday evening. Shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday a Japanese, Yabu, went to the house occupied by another Japanese named Yano and a woman, Sarno, and shot both of them dead. Yabu then made off in the direction of Kalgoorlie. He was arrested early to-day after exchanging several revolver shots with the police. Two of the shots fired by the latter struck Yabu in the shoulder and back of the head, inflicting injuries of such a serious nature as to necessitate his removal to the hospital.

Yabu was fined at the Kalgoorlie Police Court for damaging Sarno's property. They had lived together, and had quarrelled and parted. Shortly afterwards Yabu purchased a revolver, but does not appear to have molested the woman further or made any threat. Subsequent to the police court proceedings Sarno went to Kanowna, and was joined by Yano. Yabu, who drank heavily in the past week, left Kalgoorlie by train for Kanowna yesterday evening, and on arrival at the latter place appears to have gone straight to Yano's house and shot him and the woman.

THE KENNIFF CASE.

PROTEST OF THE JURY.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The jury in the recent Kenniff case have decided to publish a letter in the press setting forth the reasons why they should not have been commented on, and thanking Mr. Justice Cooper for his recent remarks when the Full Court judgment was delivered. Several jurymen state they have suffered considerable loss of business as the direct result of their own verdict. They strongly resent Mr. Justice Real's remarks, and contend that the Full Court sitting as a jury on law points were not entitled to criticise the motives of the jury that dealt with the case. They further state they assumed an unpleasant duty in accordance with the law, and any charge of bias is unfounded, for they went into the case with perfectly open minds, resolved to dispense justice with the utmost impartiality. They also contend that Mr. Justice Real's explanation did not go far enough, and that they are entitled to a withdrawal as fully public as the charge.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

ALBURY, Thursday.

Passings: 9000 mixed sheep, 2400 ewes, Wallendool to Omeo, W. Norman.

THE FELT HATTERS.

THE MEN STILL DETAINED.

ANOTHER BATCH OF MEN ON THE WAY OUT.

Contrary to anticipation the six felt-hatters who arrived by the Orontes on Saturday last under contract to Mr. C. Anderson were not released yesterday. The Customs authorities expected to receive instructions from the Federal Prime Minister, but up to a late hour last night no word had been received. It was known that Mr. Anderson was to wait upon Sir Edmund Barton yesterday, and the release of the men was looked for as the result of that interview. That Sir Edmund would be willing to release the men under petition for exemption, combined with proof that they were skilled labourers of a class that could not be procured in Australia, there is little reason to doubt in view of his published statements. But Mr. Anderson has not given up hope of convincing the Prime Minister that these men as skilled labourers should not come under the Act at all. His object in taking up this attitude is to enable him to import further men as he requires them. In fact, there is another batch of six men already on the way out. Some further developments with regard to the position may be looked for to-day.

QUESTIONS IN THE STATE PARLIAMENT.

VIEWS OF THE STATE PREMIER.

Mr. HAYNES, during the preliminary business in the Legislative Assembly yesterday, asked the Premier: Is it a fact that six subjects of the King, free men, are detained on a steamer in Sydney harbour and refused permission to land? If so, what action does the Government propose to take in the matter?

The PREMIER answered: This is not a matter over which the State Government has any control, it is a matter for the Federal Government. I may say, so far as my own personal feelings are concerned, that if I had the dealing with this case I should let the men in at once—(cheers)—but I can only tell my hon. friend, as I did in the formal reply, that I have not any control over the Federal Government in this matter. I think, however, they are entirely wrong in keeping these men from landing.

Mr. HAYNES: Break the law, and take the consequences.

The PREMIER: Well, I should be prepared to break the law, even if I had to go to gaol, but that would do no good.

Mr. EDDEN: Well, do it.

The PREMIER: I have the strongest belief in an Englishman or Britisher, or men sailing under our flag, having the right to go to any part of the Empire without hindrance. (Cheers.) They are citizens of our own kingdom, and whatever the law of the country may be, I think men should be allowed to land.

Mr. HAYNES: Break the law, and take the consequences. Liberate the men to-morrow; that is the way.

At a later stage

Mr. HAYNES asked the Premier: Will the hon. gentleman, in view of the almost unanimous opinion of this House, if these men are not liberated to-morrow morning, see that they are liberated by the State Government?

Mr. ASHTON: If you cannot break the Constitution for the fodder duties you cannot break it for six men on the Orontes.

Mr. HAYNES: I wish to ask the Premier will he say whether he, as Premier of New South Wales, will see that these men are liberated, and if they are not liberated by to-morrow morning, will he take action in accordance with his statement just now?

The PREMIER: This is not one of those matters that we can trifle with. We have only got the police, and I do not want to bring the police into collision with the military.

Several hon. members: But there is no military now.

The PREMIER: Oh yes, there are soldiers here. If I had it in my hands I should see about liberating them at once. But I will give my hon. friend a promise to this effect—that I will immediately telegraph the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth about the discussion in regard to the detention of these men and ask that they be liberated. (Cheers.)

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION.

MR ANDERSON WAITS ON SIR EDMUND BARTON.

STATEMENT BY THE FEDERAL PREMIER.

DENIAL OF POLITICAL PRESSURE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Further consideration was given to-day by the Federal Premier to the representations made to him by Mr. C. Anderson in reference to the exclusion from the Commonwealth of six felt hatters who arrived in Sydney by the Orontes. When questioned as to the present position of affairs, Sir Edmund Barton said: "Mr. Anderson, the representative of the firm concerned, waited upon me this morning accompanied by his solicitor, Mr. Herald. Mr. Anderson applied for the exemption of the six men, and laid before me the facts upon which he based his request; but there were other matters not covered by his representations upon which he is to give me further information. For this reason the matter could not be decided to-day. In the meantime I shall make such inquiries as I can about certain matters upon which I wish to inform myself so that I may be able to arrive at a decision. I suppose, from what I hear, that the additional information which Mr. Anderson is procuring will not be available until to-morrow." In reply to further questions Sir Edmund Barton said: "If it is stated that any political pressure whatever was exercised before I gave my decision upon this matter. There is only one word in the English language which properly describes that statement, and it consists of three letters. The fact was this:—That a telegram was received from the acting collector of customs in Sydney stating that certain immigrants had arrived there by the Orontes. I did not know then whether they had been ashore or not, but I was informed that six felt hatters arrived by the mail steamer, and that they were under contract, and had been engaged in England by Mr. Anderson, and I was asked to decide upon the matter by the secretary to my department in the usual course. I said, 'Has there been any application for an exemption?' and I was told 'No.' Well, until such an application was made they were prohibited immigrants within the meaning of the Act. I did not hear of any request being made for exemption from that time on until I was informed from Sydney that Mr. Anderson was coming over to make it. This I learnt on Tuesday evening. I saw that gentleman yesterday and again to-day, and as I said before I am getting some further information from him. A protest was lodged with me—and this was the first I saw of any representatives of any union—after I had given my decision—I think I gave it on Wednesday night of last week—and it was on Saturday that the president and secretary of the Felt-hatters' Union called and lodged a paper which they called a protest, which amounted to an application that I should administer this portion of the Act as it had already been administered."

"Had the Orontes arrived in Sydney before you were communicated with and had given your decision?"

"I don't know whether the Orontes had arrived or not. I only know I received a telegram setting out the facts, and upon this I said that the men should not be admitted. My decision was simply this, that if the men remain within the prohibition contained in the Act they must be excluded until it is shown they possess skill specially required in Australia."

"It is said more men are coming out from England by the next mail steamer. How will they fare?"

"Yes; I did hear something about some more men coming by the Oruba. As to their position, well a great deal will depend whether their cases hinge upon the facts affecting those men who are now detained."

"Is the Act so worded that you must take action?"

"There is nothing to say that you must take action, but you cannot abrogate the law. I thought this was one of the old-world struggles for principle, upon which certain monarchs came to grief because they assumed the power of dispensing with the enactments of Parliament, and I don't know whether it is intended that a Minister of the Crown in Australia should recommence the work which caused such troublous times. Where I have discretion I will exercise it, but I have pointed out over and over again, until I am sick of doing it, that while discretion is given in other portions of the Act, there is no discretion in this part. The Minister must exclude immigrants imported under contract unless it is shown to him that they are entitled to be exempted for 'special skill required in Australia.' This is the position I have held all through, and it is the one I intend to maintain. If my critics did not ignore the imperative character of the law they would have nothing to say."

LABOUR COUNCIL.

ACTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPHELD.

SYMPATHY WITH THE MEN.

Last night the case of the felt hatters was the subject of discussion in the Sydney Labour Council. Mr. Fox presided.

Mr. M'Donald said that it was about time that the council took the matter up and obtained a definite statement from the Hatters' Union. The conditions observed by Mr. Anderson were not those of the Victorian union. Mr. Watson, the leader of the Labour party in the Federal Parliament, had been condemned by the press in connection with the insertion of the clause in the Immigration Restriction Act. It was the same law as obtained in America. There were plenty of men from Victoria to do the work required if they would only pay the wages. Mr. Anderson could not give the men full time.

Mr. Eastwood (Hatters' Union delegate) said that he would not enter into any discussion in regard to the matter, which was a question of law, and they therefore, at the present time, declined to discuss it.

Several delegates said they should like to hear something official from the Hatters' Union delegates in reference to what had been done and what was being done in the matter, but the representatives of that union again intimated that they could not afford any information.

Mr. Turner (Tailors' Union) then moved,—"That this council approves of the Federal Immigration Restriction Act, which prevents labour from being landed in the Commonwealth under contract." It was, he said, proper to prohibit the importation of contract labour, which formed part of a principle for which the workers had agitated for many years.

Mr. Black seconded the motion.

Mr. Cochrane said that the Labour party was in the Parliament to carry out the wishes of the democrats of Australia. He moved as an amendment,—"That this council expresses its sympathy with the six felt hatters who have been induced to come to this State in contravention of the Immigration Restriction Act." These men, he considered, were certainly entitled to the sympathy of all unionists.

Mr. Smith seconded the amendment.

After discussion Mr. Cochrane, with the consent of the council, agreed to withdraw his amendment and to afterwards move it as a distinct motion.

The motion on being put was carried unanimously, and it was resolved,—"That copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Federal Premier, to Mr. J. C. Watson (leader of the Federal Labour party), and to the Melbourne Trades and Labour Council."

Mr. Cochrane then moved the motion of sympathy with the men detained on the vessel, which was carried almost unanimously, and the secretary was instructed to personally convey same to the men on board the Orontes.

SIR WILLIAM M'MILLAN AND MR. WISE.

Sir William M'Millan, M.P., has forwarded to us the following copy of a letter sent by him to the State Attorney-General, Mr. B. R. Wise, K.C.:—

"11th December, 1902.

"The Hon. B. R. Wise, K.C., M.P.,
"Attorney-General's Office,
"Macquarie-street, Sydney.

"Dear Sir,—In reading this morning the daily papers I notice that you made a statement last night in the Legislative Council which either inferred that I failed to utter any protest against the tyrannical provision in the Alien Restriction Bill which is now causing so much public comment, or that I actually supported it. Curious to say, in the same newspapers, in reporting an interview with Sir Edmund Barton, the following passage occurs:—'As a matter of fact, not a single member of the House of Representatives protested against the principle of this clause last year with two exceptions, namely, Sir William M'Millan, who had doubts as to its constitutionality and its necessity at the time, and Mr. A. Paterson (Queensland), who thought it somewhat too drastic, though he sympathised with its object.' We have not as yet received our bound volumes of 'Hansard,' and I cannot consequently refer to the debates. But, although in a 16 months' session it is difficult to remember everything, I am perfectly certain that I opposed this clause. I probably did not divide the committee. In this, as on many similar occasions, such a course would have been mere waste of time, as the minority would not have numbered more than three or four.

"As far as I understand the intention of the labour party in insisting on this clause, which was not in the original bill and which belonged to quite a different class of legislation, it was to prevent, in case of a strike or a lockout in any particular trade, the wholesale introduction of manual labour under contract with stipulations as to wages and hours of work less liberal than those in vogue in Australia. In this, as in many other cases, I protested against the attempt in the first session of Parliament of the young Commonwealth to provide against every possible and impossible evil; but, as in many matters which have brought federal legislation and federal administration into well-merited contempt, wherever a harsh or tyrannical clause could be unearthed from the six statute books of Australia it was eagerly seized by the legal mind and embodied in federal proposals. Instead of broadening our national life, and also viewing it in its international aspect, we have consistently stultified ourselves to suit the view of a minority, and have reduced to a byeword the once-inspiring sentiment which fondly claimed for the cause of union the opportunity of 'enlarging our powers of self-government.' We may have enlarged our own power of legislative caprice, but much of it has the tendency to reduce the liberties of others and to make more difficult than ever the patriotic and harmonious working of all parts of the Empire. I am, &c.

"(Signed) W. M'MILLAN."

INTERVIEW WITH MR. SAMUEL HORDERN.

A RESTRICTION ON ENTERPRISE.

In course of a conversation with Mr. Samuel Hordern, who returned from London yesterday, a representative of the "Herald" asked him to express his views relative to the question of the Immigration Restriction Act, as it is now being applied in the case of the hatters who have been prevented from landing here.

"The action of the Federal Government in this matter is," said Mr. Hordern, "calculated to do a vast amount of harm. In my opinion what is wanted in Australia is the settlement of the right class of people, and every inducement should be given to leading British tradesmen to settle in our midst. These men are calculated to do much good to our manufactures and to help us to start new industries. But that class of people won't come 16,000 miles without an agreement of some sort being entered into. It is only natural that such should be the case. The Federal Parliament could, therefore, not have done anything more suicidal to the future interests of the Commonwealth than pass such a law. When the news reaches England that British tradesmen have been prevented from landing here it will drive all thoughts of emigrating to Australia from the minds of the very class of people we want, and all we can do afterwards won't alter that. During my tour I visited the district of Brussels, in Belgium. There I was shown over several large hat factories, and I had a splendid opportunity of getting about 20 to 30 leading hatters to come out here under agreement. I was almost persuaded to do so, my intention being to start a factory. I gathered all particulars, and intended to fully consider the matter upon my return, but under existing laws, of course, I will abandon all thoughts of such an enterprise. I certainly would like to start a factory of the kind, in fact, to open up various factories, but not under existing federal laws. People all through England realise that we have a grand country here for manufacturing purposes, and have excellent labour conditions, but they realise also that we must start on a proper footing and get the most skilled mechanics to initiate our industries, and when things worked up to a high standard, as no doubt they would, in the matter of woollen mills, &c., we would be able to compete with the world. I can assure you, wherever I have been since I first heard about these hatters I have not met anything but expressions of more than keen disapproval at the action of the Federal Government."

Senator Pulsford writes:—"In the Legislative Council on Wednesday night Mr. Wise appears to have said that no opposition was raised in the Federal Parliament to the legislation under which the six workmen by the Orontes have been prevented from landing. If, however, he will refer to page 8372 of 'Hansard' he will find that an amendment to the very clause in question was moved in the Senate by myself, which had it been accepted would have made impossible the spectacle the public are now lamenting. I proposed to add the words 'at wages below current rates' to the paragraph in the bill prohibiting the landing of 'any persons under a contract or agreement to perform manual labour within the Commonwealth.' Unfortunately this amendment was lost. I had objected to any such prohibition appearing in the bill, but as it was not possible to defeat it I sought to amend it."

COOMA, Thursday.

In reply to a question, at a meeting on Wednesday night, as to whether he did not think it a bad thing that the hatters should not be allowed to land in Sydney from the Orontes, Mr. Chapman, M.P., said there was great danger in allowing men to come in under contract, as some trouble might occur in an industry and the proprietor might send to England or elsewhere and engage men by contract to work at less than the regular rate of wages. However, he had been travelling, and had not seen the newspapers concerning the matter.

VISIT OF BOER FARMERS.

ARRIVAL AT BRISBANE.

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The three Boer farmers' delegates, Messrs. W. Jooste, J. M. Lane, and H. T. Nood, accompanying Captain Kirkpatrick, arrived in Brisbane this morning by the Miowera. It is understood that they will proceed in the steamer to Sydney.

Captain Kirkpatrick, who is acting as guide, states that the present arrangements are to come to Queensland after the tour in New South Wales, then go to Victoria, South Australia, New Zealand, and Western Australia. Captain Kirkpatrick's father is a well-known New South Wales grazier, who used to own Beemery station, near Bourke, but who subsequently moved to Buckanbe station, lower down the Darling.

Mr. Nood, in the course of an interview, said that he had served right through the war, but his companions were captured at Paardeberg. "I was born in the Transvaal," he said. "I have been right through the campaign. Before that I was studying at Pretoria with the idea of going to the Continent later on, but I am going to take on farming when I get back. Mr. Jooste was a farmer, born in the Transvaal; but Mr. Lane, I think, was born in Ireland. He had a store at Klerksdorp. We spent about three weeks in England, visiting Atfield, Biggleswade, and other farming centres."

Mr. Nood did not, however, think that English farming was much ahead of theirs. In Canada they saw some machinery and silos which were new to them.

"Can you say," was asked, "how the Transvaalers now feel towards the British? Are they going to be good friends?"

"Well," was the answer given guardedly, "there won't be any more fighting."

Mr. Nood refused to speak on political matters, but in answer to a question as to whether he still believed in Mr. Kruger, or if his faith had been shaken, said, "I don't know about others, but I honour and believe in him just as from the first."

Captain Kirkpatrick proceeds to Sydney by the mail train to-morrow.

SECOND EDITION

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

LATE SITTING.

THE ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES.

When the first edition of the "Herald" went to press the Legislative Assembly was discussing the Additional Estimates in Committee of Supply. The items under discussion were the military pensions to Colonel W. W. Spalding, C.M.G., and Colonel G. J. Airey.

Several members strongly objected to the pensions being placed on the Additional Estimates, seeing that they were struck out by a large majority of the committee when the Estimates-in-Chief were under discussion a few weeks ago.

After a long discussion the items were agreed to, on a division, by 44 to 16 votes.

On the vote, "Colonial Secretary, £32,901."

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK strongly objected to £250 being given to the Bathurst Musical and Literary Association, especially when people were starving in parts of the State.

Mr. ASHTON asked why the sum of £20,000 was set down for rations, medical, and comforts for Government asylums, but did not appear on the Estimates-in-Chief. It was very unfair for the Government to bring down Additional Estimates containing £20,000 for Government asylums and £6000 as special grants to hospitals, when they should have appeared in the main Estimates.

The TREASURER explained that when the general Estimates were submitted there were omissions and underestimates in them, hence the necessity for the additional grants proposed. He was himself very much annoyed when he found that two such large sums had to be provided on the Additional Estimates.

Mr. WILLIS said that the item of £200 to meet the cost of furnishing information to the press of the United Kingdom on matters of importance affecting the State was not sufficient for the purpose.

Mr. YOUNG said the proposed special grant of £250 to the Bathurst Musical and Literary Association was of national importance. The prizes given at the competitions went to other States as well as to New South Wales. The prizes amounted to upwards of £600.

At 4 a.m. the Estimates were still under discussion.

VICTORIA.

AN EXCEPTIONAL GAOL RECORD.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At the Criminal Court to-day Henry Jordan, aged 38 years, pleaded guilty to five charges connected with stealing from dwellings. His record for the past 15 years showed that he had incurred penalties totalling in all 17 years and 3 months, but three sentences of three years each which he received in 1895 were concurrent. Even with that allowance the actual sentences to be served amounted to 11 years and 3 months in 15 years. For the five offences to which he pleaded guilty to-day he was sentenced to 15 years in all.

LOST AT SEA.

The ship Clan Macfarlane, which arrived this evening from London, reports that a fatality occurred on the 9th of last month in latitude 40deg. south and longitude 8deg. east. A young sailor named Emil Sjoruan, 17 years of age, fell from the jibboom, and although lifebuoys were promptly thrown towards the spot where he struck the water the youth was almost immediately lost sight of. Tremendous seas and a gale prevailed at the time, and it was deemed useless to attempt to launch a boat.

POSTAL REVENUE.

The Victorian postal revenue for the five months ended November 30 totals £251,599, compared with £241,379 for the corresponding five months of last year.

THE HOUSING OF PARLIAMENT.

The Parliament of Victoria will resume the occupation of the Federal Parliament House next Tuesday, and will remain in occupation till the end of the session.

THE WOOL SALES.

At the wool sales to-day there was offered a particularly good selection of crossbred wool, for which the demand was exceptionally strong. A noticeable feature of to-day's sale was the improved competition of the Yorkshire section of the trade, which is now operating with more freedom, both in crossbreds and merinos, than a few weeks ago.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

PERTH, Thursday.

The Premier, in replying to a deputation yesterday from Collie, stated that the Government had done its best to stimulate and encourage the coal industry, but the mining companies had not done all they might. He promised to ascertain if anything could be done in some way for the unemployed difficulty at the coal-mining centre, but declined to establish relief works.

TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY.

The Premier of South Australia, telegraphing to Mr. James, states that, as the Federal Government had not expressed a wish to proceed with the trans-Australian railway from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie, there was no occasion for the introduction of a bill in the South Australian Parliament authorising such work.

At the Criminal Court yesterday William Crooks, an ex-constable, was found guilty of having wounded with intent Miss Ada Wood, and was recommended to mercy. He was remanded for sentence.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE PREMIER AT WANGANUI.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Addressing the Maoris at Wanganui, Mr. Seddon denied the report that he intended to leave the colony. Every effort, he said, would be made to open the native lands for settlement at the earliest possible date.

FRUITGROWERS' CONFERENCE.

The fruitgrowers' conference at Auckland has urged that steps be taken to examine New Zealand wines to prevent adulteration. The Government is to be asked to provide for rigid inspection of all wine made in New Zealand and that imported into the colony.

THE STEAMER ATHENIC AGROUND.

The steamer Athenic, which left Wellington for London to-day, stuck on a mudbank outside Wellington Harbour. She is still fast.

The gold returns for the Auckland district during the past three weeks total £21,700.

TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The City Council election yesterday resulted in the return of three old members who polled as under: C. Russen, 1618; E. H. Panton, 1533; S. J. Sutton, 1321; Mr. A. Munnew, a new candidate, was defeated by 100 votes.

THE PERTH ROBBERY.

There are no fresh developments connected with the highway robbing at Perth. The police are still investigating the matter, but the fact that the robbers wore masks makes the task a difficult one.

HOBART, Thursday.

The Hobart municipal elections resulted in the re-election of Alderman Kerr and Alderman Smith, and the election of Mr. Daniel Freeman as a new member.

The Parliamentary session concluded this evening.

THE AUSTRALIAN AT BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The steamer Australian arrived in Moreton Bay late last night from Japan, and resumed her voyage to Sydney this morning. The following are the passengers:—

For Sydney: Mr. A. W. Cragg, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, Miss Clathin, Miss G. Kennedy, Mrs. E. Playfair and two children, Mrs. Bouchard and child, Mr. J. A. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Batten and child, Mr. C. H. Barnes, Mrs. G. H. Powell, Mr. E. Estables, Mrs. Boyd and child. There are also 14 Chinese.

For Adelaide: Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. R. G. Peake, Mr. E. W. Brown and four children, Mr. H. Wedd.

INTER-STATE CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The following have been chosen to represent South Australia against New South Wales at Adelaide on December 19:—Reedman, Giffen, Travers, Hill, Jones, Claxton, Kirkwood, Waters, Gehrs, Newland, Hack.

With the addition of Dickinson, these men will tour the Eastern States for matches in Melbourne and Sydney.

SEAMEN'S WAGES.

THE RECENT CONFERENCE.

NEGOTIATIONS AT A STANDSTILL.

STATEMENT BY THE OWNERS.

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. OF TONNAGE LAID UP.

SEAMEN AND ARBITRATION.

Negotiations in regard to seamen's wages are at a standstill. Hopes were entertained that although the conference between representatives of the Steamship Owners' Federation and the Federated Seamen's Union proved abortive, the issues might be reopened and a compromise effected. Yesterday passed, however, without approach from either of the contending parties, and the departure in the evening of a number of the inter-state delegates dispelled any chance of immediate settlement. Despite this position, there are many who still look forward to a continuance of the friendly relations which have for a number of years characterised the connection between Australian shipowners and their employees. The conference, though futile, was throughout very amicable, and the opposing delegates parted on the best of terms. This augurs well for peace, and it is more than probable that during the next few weeks an understanding will be reached which will render unnecessary either an appeal to the Arbitration Court or in other States a strike and its consequent evils. Indeed, it is remarkable that under the circumstances the gathering terminated without an offer of compromise from one side or the other. The owners, however, asked for the reduction by £1 a month per man, and the seamen refused absolutely to concede. There was nothing said about going half-way, and after an exceptionally brief discussion, occupied chiefly in the employers endeavoring to prove a shrinkage in trade, and the men aiming to demonstrate an improvement, proceedings lapsed.

CASE FOR THE SHIPOWNERS.

AN ENORMOUS SHRINKAGE IN TRADE.

The case for the seamen was stated in the "Herald" yesterday, and last night representatives of the Steamship Owners' Association afforded a reply. On behalf of the men it was maintained that trade had improved since the conference in June, and that the produce carried for the first nine months of this year showed an increase of 265,000 tons over the corresponding term for last year. The owners point out that such a statement conveys a wrong impression. Prior to the conference held in June freights were for a few months very heavy. It was then that the increase over last year was chiefly registered, and at that conference the prospect of the temporary briskness continuing influenced owners in their acceding to the request of the seamen not to reduce the wages at that time. Those conditions, however, did not go on. Ever since there had been a falling off, and to bring forward figures of an improvement which really took place before June was not an argument to at all strengthen the position of the men.

Another contention of the seamen to which the owners had given consideration in June was that with the tariff settled trade would increase in volume. As everyone knew, however, the reverse had occurred. In the nine months prior to September 30 last the carriage of coal from Newcastle showed a shrinkage, as compared with the same period of 1901, of 150,000 tons.

THE STEAMERS IDLE.

The seamen contended further that most of the steamers laid up by the owners were obsolete and expensive to run, and that during the past 12 months the Australian coastal fleet had been increased by new vessels with an aggregate of 40,000 tons. Both of these statements are combated by the owners. On their behalf it is said that the following vessels are at present laid up owing to the great shrinkage in trade:—The Boveric, the Kooringa, the Cloncurry, the Mintaro, the Moonta, the Marloo, the Norkoowa, the Brisbane, the Barrabool, the Koonya, the Eurimbla, and the Adelaide. Of these the Moonta is the only one doing anything at all, and she will soon be resting. They represent a carrying capacity of something like 30,000 tons, and at least half of them, and the half which includes the largest vessels, are of comparatively new tonnage.

In addition to those vessels owned by the companies which are laid up the following chartered steamers have been relinquished owing to the same cause:—The Alala, the Ramazan, the St. Ronald, the Baltazar, the Ras Elba, the Dovedale, and the Andania. These boats also have a carrying capacity of about 30,000 tons. Taken all round, the total vessels out of commission represent 25 per cent. of the Australian coastal collier and cargo tonnage. Of the new boats referred to by the men, it is demonstrated that the Cooeyanna has gone into the Indian trade, that the Victoria is intended for the New Zealand service, while the Kooringa and the Nardoo have replaced boats which have been lost, and the Wyandra has replaced the Cintra.

NEW ZEALAND CONDITIONS.

To maintain the ruling wages, stated the owners, might mean to increase rates, which would naturally stifle the coastal trade. As long as foreign competition was on the coast it must be considered as a dangerous rival, and must serve somewhat to regulate local rates and wages. It has been suggested that the New Zealand conditions as laid down by the Arbitration Court should be accepted by the owners. New Zealand conditions, however, had always been about 10s a month ahead of Australian rates, and the award of the Court, while it would reduce Australian wages by 10s a month, would give other concessions to the men that would more than compensate for the loss in money.

MORE ABOUT TRADE SHRINKAGE.

Another illustration of the shrinkage advanced by the owners was that 18 months ago the ships owned by Australian companies, in addition to 12 or 15 chartered vessels, were running at their top. In August last the boats trading to Western Australia had a capacity for a trade of 74,000 tons, while owing to adverse conditions the loading only amounted to 35,000 tons. Against all these figures, ask the employers, how can the seamen persist in their contention that trade is improving?

AN EXPRESSION OF REGRET.

Mr. Appleton (managing director Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited) said last night that he had during four years been chairman of the Steamship Owners' Association. During that time the policy of the owners had changed from one which did not recognise the Seamen's Union to an attitude which offered the fullest consideration to the claims of members. At several conferences advances to the men had been conceded. He had seen a statement made some months ago by Mr. S. Smith, the men's general secretary, that the increases in wages for five years amounted to £252,000. He much regretted that when the owners were reluctantly compelled by adverse circumstances of an extraordinary nature to reduce the rates, there should be no willingness on the part of the employees to meet the bad times half-way.

SEAMEN AND ARBITRATION.

SCOPE OF THE ACT.

IS THERE JURISDICTION?

A PECULIAR POSITION.

Unless a compromise is effected before the end of January, the natural sequence of the present deadlock is a strike. With those members of the Seamen's Union who belong to Queensland, South Australian, or Victorian branches such a course presents no difficulty. In this State, however, that procedure is prevented by the terms of the Arbitration Act, under which the New South Wales branch is registered. The situation which then arises is peculiar. The Act clearly lays it down that to strike will incur a penalty on the seamen. At the same time the measure fails to clearly define the sphere over which any judgment might range, and to what extent it could under the circumstances be enforced.

It is plain enough that the men whose headquarters are in Sydney must in the event of an open breach with the owners adopt a different course of action to that followed by members who contribute to branches of the union in any of the other States. There the men may cease work at any time. Here that is shown to be impossible. Given, then, that the local men are prevented from striking, they ask what might they expect by taking the alternative course and submitting their case to the Court. The Court could readily give an award, but it is argued that to enforce the observance of that award would be another matter.

The question was discussed yesterday with much interest, and was acknowledged even by those most directly concerned to be beset with difficulties. For instance, a number of seamen who obtain an award from the arbitration Court in Sydney might be at that time engaged on a vessel trading between Sydney and Melbourne, and controlled by the Sydney branch of a shipping firm having headquarters or offices in Melbourne or other ports of the Commonwealth. It frequently happens that these inter-state boats are transferred from one service to another. Thus the vessel which had traded between Sydney and Melbourne might, without notice, be put into commission between Melbourne and Adelaide. At the same time her control would, in all probability, pass from the Sydney to the Melbourne office of the owners.

What then becomes of the Arbitration Court award? Those who ask this question point out that there is a heavy issue at stake. The Federated Seamen's Union

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embraces upwards of 3000 members, and what is of increased importance is that more than half the number belong to the Sydney branch, and are thus subject to the arbitration tribunal. Although the seamen might have been transferred to the Melbourne-Adelaide service, or Melbourne-Perth service, as the case was, they would still remain members of the Sydney branch and employees of the same company. It is apparent nevertheless that all connection of either vessel or men with New South Wales is for the time at an end. Whether the award of the Court holds good, whether either either men or company could be penalised for breach of a decision given in Sydney, are disputed points. Opinions on the subject differ. Should the Act lose its jurisdiction by such a transfer of service irregularity and possibly change of rates might at once follow. It is contended that although removed the seamen would still remain members of the Sydney Union, and would thus render that union liable for all violation of an award of the Court, and that the Melbourne office of a firm being identical with the Sydney office the latter would be rendered liable. In many quarters, however, this is not admitted. Unhappily the Act has not provided for such a contingency.

The question that is naturally asked is, should the Act prove inadequate to control or protect members of the Sydney branch of the Seamen's Union, is it just that those members should be bound to observe the Act in regard to a strike? In other words, if full satisfaction cannot be obtained from the Act, should it have any power in the case of inter-state seamen at all? Should it be able to penalise strikers to whom it cannot promise alternative redress?

At the recent Commonwealth Political Labour Conference compulsory arbitration for the Commonwealth was placed in the second plank on the fighting platform for the Federal Labour party. Advocates of a federal measure declared yesterday that the present question was an excellent illustration of the necessity for uniformity among the States in this regard.

SEAMEN'S DELEGATES.

The seamen's delegates to the recent conference met yesterday, and gave consideration to the position. They intimated that there were no further developments, but it is understood that the attitude they have taken up meets with the unanimous support of the men. But they are anxious to give the whole matter the utmost consideration before advocating extreme measures. They consider that the facts from their side as presented in yesterday's "Herald" adequately answer the statements made by the shipowners, and until the owners bring forward something further there is nothing for them to refute.

ATTITUDE OF SEAMEN IN NEW ZEALAND.

INTERVIEW WITH THE UNION SECRETARY.

QUESTION OF CO-OPERATION.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Interviewed regarding the threatened maritime strike in Australia, Mr. Jones (secretary of the Federated Seamen's Union of New Zealand) said he thought it just possible that Australian seamen might accept a reduction of their wages if the shipowners satisfactorily showed that the state of trade warranted the reduction; but against this suggestion it was to be remembered that the men are familiar with this statement, which has been made before when the men knew the trade was not as bad as the shipowners made it out to be. Mr. Jones has gathered that trade has not been and is not bad, and therefore the reduction of wages as demanded is not warranted. The shipowners in the colonies had done remarkably well by the South African war, and the inter-state trade was flourishing. Therefore Australian seamen might take with the proverbial grain of salt the statements that trade is bad. Mr. Jones added that such statements as those were put forward at the recent conferences in Australia, and were made by Australian and New Zealand shipowners at a similar conference held on the other side in 1886. At that conference, and upon the dull trade statements made there, was laid the groundwork for the great maritime strike of 1890. He declared emphatically that as the result of the 1886 conference the shipowners deliberately sought to bring about the big strike of four years later, because they desired to break the power and influence of the Seamen's Union, which was then a splendidly organised body. It would be a strange coincidence if a strike followed the conference held yesterday in Sydney. If the strike resulted Mr. Jones thinks it would not be on the same scale as that of 12 years ago. Then all the seamen and waterside workers thoughout Australia and New Zealand were involved. Nowadays the seamen and waterside workers of New Zealand are barred from taking part owing to their working under the awards of the Arbitration Court. Mr. Jones thought that Mr. James Mills (general manager of the Union Steamship Company) would endeavour to get an agreement made in Australia to exist until the New Zealand award expires on December 31 of next year. If such an agreement could be effected then the shipowners would probably endeavour to get a united agreement for seamen throughout the Commonwealth and New Zealand."

"And if a strike resulted what do you think our men would do?" asked the pressman.

"Oh," replied the secretary, "I think the New Zealand seamen would support the strikers strongly financially, but I do not think they would come out again."

Mr. Young, secretary of the Wellington section of the Australian federation, says that under the award of the Arbitration Court the New Zealand members would have to remain neutral, but they could contribute to the strike funds as heavily as they pleased. He pointed out, however, that whilst the union in New Zealand could not order its men to strike unless under a penalty of £500 for breach of award, the men could individually leave the boats after giving 24 hours' notice. On the other hand, Mr. Jones expressed the opinion that he saw nothing in the award to prevent New Zealand seamen from joining in the strike. He quoted the following clause 39 of the industrial award:—"24 hours' notice on either side shall be the law of discharge in port where a ship has drawn out her articles, but should the ship be laid up at any other port of the Australasian colonies the crew may accept their discharge with the wages then due, but shall be entitled to a free passage back to the final port. Engagements may be determined in the colony at any time after the ship's arrival at her final port of discharge in the colony consequent on the completion of a round voyage by 24 hours' notice on either side, all notices to be given to or received from the master of the ship only; any man discharged at any place other than the port where the articles are drawn out shall be given a passage back by the first vessel proceeding to the home port or place at which the man shipped, but should a man be discharged at his own request he shall not be entitled to a passage back to his port of shipment or to the port where the articles were drawn out.

Acting under instructions from their executive the New Zealand seamen gave 24 hours' notice before coming out of the boats in 1890.

MR. J. BARRE JOHNSTON'S OPINION.

Mr. J. Barre Johnston (president of the Chamber of Commerce) said that it would be a thousand pities if a strike took place. Naturally the seamen did not relish a reduction in wages, but seeing that there had been a falling off in shipping, and that a further reduction must take place in the near future, they ought to consider seriously what the results of noncompliance with the demands of the shipowners would mean. At least the men ought to offer to meet the shippers in such a way as to bring about an amicable settlement. The wages of the seamen on the Australian coast were higher than in any other part of the world under similar conditions. He was no advocate of cheap labour, but he thought wages should be regulated by results. When the employers suffer owing to slackness of trade the employees ought to bear their portion. The present rate of wages was from £7 to £9 a month. The employers wanted to reduce the rate to £6 and £8. He thought that it would be wise, in order to avert a strike, for the two parties to meet each other half way and make the rate £6 10s and £8 10s. The effect of a strike at the present juncture would be disastrous to the people of the whole Commonwealth. Already we had to contend against fearful odds on account of the unprecedented drought. But strikes, unlike droughts, were of our own making, and should be avoided. There were several steamers already laid up for want of trade. At Sydney there was the Cloncurry, at Melbourne the Norkoowa and Kooringa, at Brisbane the Mareeba, Cintra, and Tinana. This condition of affairs certainly pointed to a large decrease in trade. And it must be remembered that for some time to come inter-state trade would be only one way—that is, it would consist of only one loading, particularly from the Northern ports. Queensland would have but little back loading for the next 12 months, so that the earnings of coasting steamers must be considerably reduced.

MR. O. C. BEALE INTERVIEWED.

Mr. O. C. Beale (president of the Chamber of Manufacturers) said that a shipping strike would be a disastrous thing, especially at a time such as the present, when we were struggling against adverse circumstances. With regard to the merits of the position he did not wish to express an opinion. But the possibility of such a strike occurring showed the need of a Federal Arbitration Act. It was the intention of every Arbitration Act to prevent strikes, but until we had a Federal Act to deal with those industries that extended throughout the States we should not be wholly secure from strikes. This view had been pointed out to the Attorney-General by the Chamber of Manufactures and other organisations that waited upon him when the Arbitration Act was introduced into Parliament. The Attorney-General had adopted many of the suggestions put before him by that deputation, but the difficulty pointed out was one that could not be met.

VIEWS EXPRESSED IN MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The abrupt termination of the shipping conference in Sydney is regarded by leading shipowners in Melbourne as having been caused primarily by the attitude of the seamen's representatives in declining to adhere to the agreement arrived at in June last, by which the delegates of the seamen bound their respective unions in the different States to accept a reduction of 10s per month in the wages of seamen and firemen "if trade had not improved."

STATE LOANS.

RAISING AND EXPENDITURE OF LOAN MONEYS.

A PARLIAMENTARY RETURN.

A paper relating to the raising and expenditure of loan moneys since September 15, 1890, was laid on the table of the Legislative Council on Wednesday, and was circulated yesterday. In the course of his speech in moving the second reading of the Treasury Bills Bill last night, Mr. B. R. Wise, M.L.C., quoted at length from this document. He gave the information showing the state of the public accounts in September, 1899, when Sir William Lyne took office, from which it appeared that at that time the outstanding liabilities on contracts for authorised works amounted to £2,096,500. The most significant figures are contained in the following:—

STATEMENT OF LOANS FLOATED IN LONDON AND SYDNEY BETWEEN THE DATE SIR WILLIAM LYNE TOOK OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1899, AND NOVEMBER 30, 1902.

Period when Floated.	Where Floated.	Description of Stock.	Nominal Rate of Interest.	Stock Sold.	Net Proceeds.
			Per cent.		
September 15, 1899, to June 30, 1900	London	Treasury Bills	4	£1,000,000	£991,250 0 0
	Sydney	Ditto	3½	500,000	500,000 0 0
	Ditto	Inscribed Stock	3¼	120,000	119,893 7 2
				£1,620,000	£1,611,143 7 2
July 1, 1900, to June 30, 1901	London	Treasury Bills	4	£1,000,000	£996,250 0 0
	Sydney	Ditto	3½	1,500,000	1,485,006 5 9
	Ditto	Inscribed Stock	3½	539,753	539,653 0 0
				£3,039,753	£3,020,909 5 9
July 1, 1901, to June 30, 1902	London	Ditto	3	£4,000,000	£3,644,917 11 0
	Ditto	Ditto	3	3,000,000	2,727,191 7 9
	Sydney	Ditto	3½	974,297	971,547 0 0
				£7,974,297	£7,343,655 18 9
July 1, 1902, to November 30, 1902	Sydney	Ditto	3½	£184,390	£183,390 0 0
		Grand total		£12,818,440	£12,159,098 11 8

The above statement shows that stock was sold to the value of £12,818,440, at a discount of £659,342.

The loan expenditure during the same period is set out in the following table:—

Services.	1st Sept., 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1902-3 to date.	Total.
Railways, including construction	£793,518	£1,130,356	£2,281,196	£748,828	£4,953,898
Resumptions—					
Darling Harbour	...	42,302	1,331,540	838,806	2,212,648
Other	...	52,330	25,421	10,571	88,332
Reproductive Works other than Railways—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	273,674	380,939	392,228	126,707	1,163,548
Sydney Harbour Trust	...	...	32,080	31,023	63,103
Water Conservation and Water Supplies	50,182	174,282	160,309	7,558	392,331
Other Works	863,267	1,099,517	816,021	193,267	2,972,072
	£1,980,639	2,879,726	5,023,803	1,966,760	11,845,930
Repayment of Loans	2,000	857,000	374,900	398,000	1,631,900
" Treasury Bills	...	...	997,500	2,500	1,000,000
Grand Total, General Loan Account	£1,982,639	3,736,726	6,401,205	2,357,260	14,477,830

THE STATE FINANCES.

THE TREASURY BILLS BILL.

DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL.

STATEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Last night in the Legislative Council the Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Treasury Bills Bill, and made an interesting statement with regard to the financial position. He said that he intended to show for what purposes the money was required, and the way in which it was proposed to provide the amount. The amount required was £4,000,000, and it would be expended in respect to resumptions, £1,200,000—

An Hon. Member: What resumptions?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL (continuing) said, in respect to Darling Harbour resumptions, £1,200,000; in respect to loan works for the Railway Commissioners, £850,000; redemption of loans in London, £1,000,000; and in respect to general loan works, £1,200,000. These items amounted to £4,250,000, whereas they only asked for £4,000,000. The Government were asking for four millions, but that really meant addition to the public debt of three millions, as one million had been already paid off. All the works upon which it was proposed this money should be expended had been voted by Parliament, and the majority of them were now in process of construction. Although it was a large sum to spend between this time and June 30, it was not to be forgotten that a large portion of it had already been spent. He could give a full assurance to hon. members that the Government were as strongly impressed as anyone in the country or any of their critics with the necessity of exercising a very close supervision over the expenditure of public money—(hear, hear)—and no matter caused more anxious concern than the discussion of the various proposals that came before the Cabinet from time to time for the expenditure of public money and the determination of the proper course to adopt when dealing with proposed works. But they felt, and he thought they were right, that a time when private employers were modifying their operations was not a time when the Government of a country should follow that example, and should cease the expenditure of public money—rather the opposite. If their credit was good and genuine reproductive works could be carried out, then the operations of the Government should expand rather than contract, because the Government did not come into competition in the labour market with private employers and their object would only be to relieve private distress. It had, of course, been observed that the stock of this State was at the present time lower than that of any other State. The last loans underwritten had not been disposed of, and those who had underwritten them in England—as was perfectly natural—were doing their utmost to keep the stock down in order to discourage the Government from borrowing in the open market, and when it was recognised that it was not intended to float a new loan he was sure the stock of this State would quickly rise to what its intrinsic value was. The steps proposed to be taken in this bill were only determined upon after the best advice available had been obtained, and gentlemen in that Chamber who were intimate with financial matters would recognise that the method adopted was the best means of getting the money that could be devised. (Hear, hear.) These few words were practically all he was called upon to utter in connection with this bill, but he thought he might take an opportunity which rarely occurred to a member of a Government to defend the Government against charges made against the Government in the press. These charges did not affect the Administration so much as they damaged the public credit. He was one of the last men to complain of press criticism, but it was notorious and beyond contradiction that ever since the Government had been in office it had had to face the hostility of the Sydney press. Everything that could be said to their discredit was said, but they never received any credit for any action, no matter what it might be. These charges lately had assumed an importance which had been prejudicial to the credit of New South Wales both throughout the Commonwealth and outside, and he wanted to give some authentic figures from the Treasury which would clear up—and which he hoped, if there was any honesty left in their critics, the press would report—and would dispose of their wild assertions as to the disposal of public money by this Government. Day after day they read that the Government had borrowed 17 millions of public money during the short time it had been in office. Yesterday he had laid a return upon the table of the House, which should be in the hands of every taxpayer in the country. The return was a simple one, and it showed what was the actual addition to the public debt during the Administration of Sir William Lyne, and that of Sir John See which succeeded it: how the total amount was spent, and how much of it was spent in respect of obligations incurred by this Government, and how much was in respect of obligations of their predecessors which they were left to discharge. So far from it being true that the present Government had borrowed 17 millions it would be apparent by reference to the return, which was signed by Mr. C. G. L. Boyce, chief accountant to the Treasury, that the public debt had only been increased by £10,455,616.

An Hon. Member: That is pretty good, is it not?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Yes, but it is very much less than 17 millions. From September 15, 1899, to the present time the expenditure was a little over three millions or about a million a year. When Sir William Lyne took office there was a large amount outstanding against loan account which had been left to Sir William Lyne and Sir John See to discharge. That matter, by the way, was completely ignored by their critics. The fourth item on the return showed that the overdraft on general loan account on September 15, 1899, was £156,244 2s 3d. In addition to that there had been added by Mr. Reid a sum of £1,500,000 for advances made in anticipation of loans to be raised, and which had never been adjusted until they were so dealt with by Mr. Waddell, the present Treasurer. This meant that the real overdraft was £1,656,244 at that date—when the present Government took office. In another part of the return they would find a statement of outstanding liabilities for authorised works and contracts amounting to £2,096,500, so that before the Treasurer could borrow one penny he had to discharge the liabilities of his predecessors, which he had done. (Hear, hear.) It was therefore not true that they had added £17,000,000 to the public indebtedness of the State. As he had said the total increase was £10,455,000, and of that sum £3,750,000 was used to discharge obligations incurred by the Reid Government. If there was any candour or fairness in the press he hoped that this would be reported, not that it affected the Government, because the public fully recognised that the present Government came into power by fighting the press, but because it injured the credit of the country and it was not right that such assertions should be made when they were really groundless. People seem to forget that since the present Government took office there had been a steady reduction of the public debt out of revenue going on. In the past three years they had paid entirely out of public revenue £809,386 12s 1d, or nearly a million pounds in reduction of the public debt during that time. Another portion of the return showed the moneys that had been spent, and it would be apparent that during the period that Sir William Lyne and his successor (Sir John See) were in office to date there had been £4,953,896 spent on railways, including construction; £2,212,648 spent on Darling Harbour resumptions, and £88,332 on other resumptions; on reproductive works other than railways, which include water supply and sewerage, £1,163,548; Sydney Harbour Trust, £63,103; water conservation and water supplies, £392,331; and other works, £2,972,072, making a total of £11,845,930. He placed these figures before the House because they were very simple and clear, and were of high importance in considering whether blame was to be attached to the Government for excessive expenditure. It was quite clear that the time was coming when they would not be able to anticipate the future as rapidly as they had been doing during the past two years. It might be that they had done rather more during the last year or two than they should have done, but no one would deny that the work had been well done, and that though there might have been occasional extravagances the works carried out during the past two years would be of great benefit to the country. The tramway extensions, water and sewerage works, and new railways for opening up and developing the country would be of great use, and he trusted that as time went on they would be found an excellent insurance fund against the results of such droughts and national disasters as had befallen the country during the past few years. The utmost that could be urged against the Government was that it had gone a little too fast, and as years went on and the utility of the works initiated by the energy of the Minister for Works was gradually unfolded, and the works themselves became more and more productive, he felt sure they would be found of great benefit to the country.

Mr. MEEKS said they must be very pleased with the clear statement of the Attorney-General in regard to the financial position, and of what had taken place during the last three or four years. He hoped the Government would not try to raise any of the loan in this State, because it was not the time to attempt to do so after the very severe drought which had been experienced. As money was becoming dearer the Government coming into the money market would place a greater stress upon the trading community. With regard to our indebtedness, he was glad that the statement had been made showing our exact indebtedness, which he found was now £74,276,375. There had been a great deal of criticism of our finances, not only here but in the other States, and the Melbourne "Argus" was an authority which had called attention to the rate at which we were running into debt. Comparing the total indebtedness of this State with that of Victoria he would like to say that the total indebtedness of Victoria in the way of Treasury bills, debentures, funded stock, and so, was set down at £50,738,583, against our £74,000,000. But the system there was different from ours. In Victoria the Harbour Trust was an independent body; it constructed its own works and floated its own loans. He agreed with the principle of the Harbour Trust as in Victoria, but the indebtedness of that body did not appear on the national balance-sheet as ours did. The Victorian Harbour Trust had borrowed £2,000,000. The principle of the Metropolitan Board of Works in Melbourne was the same. It was an independent body. It had borrowed £5,793,580 for the purpose of water and sewerage works, and in addition to that had a liability of £2,082,000 on the Yan Yean waterworks. Its total indebtedness was therefore £7,875,580. The tramways had also been built with borrowed money, and adding those sums to the £50,000,000 the total would be about £10,000,000 more. It was therefore unfair to institute the comparison between Victoria and New South Wales on the figures appearing in the national balance-sheet of loan moneys.

Mr. CHARLES said that the State had to borrow money to pay interest on money already borrowed, and before very long they would land themselves in an indebtedness of £100,000,000. In the face of the condition of the finances strict economy was necessary.

Mr. MACINTOSH said that it was not a satisfactory state of things that our debentures had gone down in the money market, and it was time that something was done in the way of strict economy.

Mr. HUGHES said that the figures submitted by the Attorney-General were satisfactory if they could believe them, and his reason for doubting them was that they did not agree with the figures placed before the Assembly by Mr. Waddell. According to the Colonial Treasurer's statement the debt a few days ago was £79,307,962. To that they must add the present amount of £4,250,000, but of that £1,200,000 was required to redeem previous bills. They thus arrived at the liabilities, but for all that hon. members knew there might be a great many more liabilities. It was easy to find what were the liabilities of the Reid Government, but it was exceedingly difficult to ascertain what were the liabilities of the See Government. (Laughter.) The liabilities of the present Government taken on its own figures, as soon as this bill should be passed, would be £82,357,962, or a difference of £18,537,720 as compared with the public debt on August 31, 1899. There was this notorious fact, that the present Colonial Treasurer had deliberately broken his own law, for he ought to have paid £1,000,000 in reduction of Treasury bills. So they found the present liabilities to be £82,477,962. There was a discrepancy between the two statements, but he was inclined to believe that the Treasurer's statement was the accurate one. There was the fact that the Attorney-General and the Colonial Treasurer could not agree as to what was the national debt, and if they could not agree among themselves he much doubted if they could agree with anyone else. (Laughter.)

The motion for the second reading was carried on the voices. The bill was passed through the remaining stages, and it was ordered that it be returned to the Assembly with the usual message.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties and Civil Service Co-operative Shares.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Glass, China, Cutlery, Perfumery, Bicycles, &c.

S. H. HARRIS and CO.—At the Mart, at 11, Jewellery, Watches, Purses, Cigar Cases, Dolls, &c.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Enamelled Holloware, Guns, Cutlery, Hatchets, &c.

A. G. JENKINS.—At his Rooms, at 2.30, Stock-in-trade of Clothing, Boots, &c.

J. J. PITT.—On the Premises, Edgeware-road, Enmore-road, at 11, Furniture.

H. W. CAREY and CO.—At their Rooms, Bridge-street, at 2.30, Teas.

W. T. GIBB.—At the Rooms, 417 Pitt-street, at 2.30, Drapery, &c.

CECIL and CO.—At 2 Union-street, Newtown, at 11, Stock-in-Trade of a Grocer, Furniture, Piano, &c.

V. H. KELSON.—At 16 Rush-street, Paddington, Furniture, Bedding, Pierglass, &c.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, &c.; at 12, Sundries; at 2, Jewellery, Watches, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Drapery, &c.

H. LEVY.—At 180 Regent-street, at 2, Gun, Saddlery, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Tallow; at 1, Hides.

GEO. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 11, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY.—At the Royal Exchange, at 10, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE COMPANY.—At Macquarie-place, Sheepskins.

DALGETY and CO., Ltd.—At the Rooms, at 10, Sheepskins.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

C. J. TURNER.—At his Rooms, at 1.30, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Pigs, Vealers, Butter, Eggs, &c.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Salerooms, at 1.30, Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, &c.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

THE WEATHER.

USEFUL RAINS IN THE NORTH.

Good rains again fell over the northern districts and along portion of the seaboard yesterday. At Merriwa 135 points were registered, and at Warialda 81 points fell. Among other measurements were:—Nundle 77 points, Cassilis 50, Bingara 50, Walgett, 44, Bendemeer 44, and Tamworth 42.

Light rains were received over the southern highlands, in parts of Riverina, and over the western ranges.

At Sydney a heavy shower fell at midday, as a result of which 36 points were measured at the Observatory.

The registrations supplied to the Observatory up to 9 o'clock last night were as follow:—

	Points.		Points.
Bathurst	31	Barraba	35
Cape St. George	40	Trangie	7
Cooma	5	Cassilis	50
Coonabarabran	8	Manilla	24
Deniliquin	9	Warialda	81
Goulburn	2	Bingera	50
Hay	13	Nundle	77
Hillston	14	Coolah	37
Kiandra	1	Merriwa	135
Mt. Victoria	19	Dandaloo	12
Newcastle	40	Gulgong	34
Wagga	5	Tamworth	42
Walgett	44	Bendemeer	44
Mudgee	20	Port Macquarie	12
Taralga	10	Brewarrina	6
Katoomba	26	Pilliga	2
Inverell	18	Gunnedah	31
Lawson	11	Bowral	3
Corowa	8	Narrabri	15
Tocumwal	6	Sydney	36

During the course of Wednesday night light rains fell over the northern and central districts, and at a few places in Riverina. The records for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—Mungindi 9 points, Mogil 3, Walgett 1, Pilliga 9, Boggabri 4, Bundella 65, Coonabarabran 27, Coolah 3, Cassilis 17, Blackville 1, Tamworth 11, Katoomba 2, Taralga 1, Euston 20, Wentworth 5, Pooncarie 1.

Mr. Russell predicts rain and thunder to-day, chiefly over the eastern and central districts.

REDFERN RAILWAY STATION STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

During the thunderstorm that passed over Sydney about noon yesterday some consternation was caused amongst the office staff of the Electric Telegraph Department engaged at the Redfern Railway Station. A flash of lightning entered the office in which the telegraph operators were working. Nearly 30 of the staff who were busily engaged at the time observed the flash, and simultaneously heard a loud report. The fuses on the electric light lead were destroyed. Telegraphic business was suspended for about half an hour while the fuses were being placed in position.

THE CATCHMENT AREA.

The flow of the rivers on the catchment area at 9 a.m. yesterday was as follows:—Cataract, 2,810,000 gallons; Nepean 33,878,000 gallons; total, 36,688,000 gallons. The water flowing into Prospect reservoir was 57,554,000 gallons.

Some rain fell on the catchment area yesterday, Cataract receiving 8 points. The flow of the rivers at 7 p.m. was Cataract, 2,953,000 gallons; and Nepean, 31,936,000 gallons, a total of 34,889,000 gallons, as against 50,907,000 gallons on the previous day. The quantity received into Prospect reservoir at the same hour was 51,157,000 gallons, a decrease of 23,917,000 gallons, as compared with Wednesday's flow. The height of water was 180·50ft.

BOURKE, Thursday.

The river locally is 5ft. 7in. above the weir and 4ft. 2in below. It is still rising. As the result of the recent rains a nice green shoot is noticeable everywhere. With the assistance of a few more showers the prospects of the summer would be assured. A thunderstorm occurred this afternoon registering 14 points. The weather is still muggy.

CASSILIS, Thursday.

Between 8 a.m. and noon 57 points fell. It was still showery this afternoon.

COLLARENDABRI, Thursday.

Steady rain set in at daylight, and was falling steadily this afternoon.

COOLAMON, Thursday.

During to-day light showers fell at intervals.

COONABARABRAN, Thursday.

It was showery to-day 25 points fell up to 3 p.m.

DAPTO, Thursday.

A splendid heavy downpour of rain occurred this afternoon.

DUNGOG, Thursday.

Three thunderstorms passed over the town to-day—two in the forenoon and one at midday. Rain fell in torrents, in eight minutes 105 points being recorded. The streets were flooded, and the water entered dwelling-houses.

Mr. J. Simmons was driving from Wangat, and had reached Cameron's Hill, when lightning struck a tree, causing the branches to fall and cover the cart and horse. No serious injury was done.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Light rain fell this afternoon.

GULGONG, Thursday.

Light soaking rain started at noon from the eastward, and smart showers occurred at intervals with thunder. Thirty-four points have been recorded.

INVERELL, Thursday.

The weather is again showery to-day. The maize and other crops are making marvellous growth.

KANGAROO VALLEY, Thursday.

A storm occurred to-day; 29 points of rain fell. There is plenty of grass, and the crops are looking well.

KIAMA, Thursday.

A very sharp thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy rain, passed over the district at 1 p.m., and nearly half an inch of rain fell in 20 minutes.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

Light, soft rain has been falling here during the greater part of the afternoon, and still continues. The district now looks fairly well, with a good growth of grass.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

A thunderstorm, accompanied by light showers, occurred to-day. The cereal and fruit crops are looking well.

MOLONG, Thursday.

A few light showers fell this morning.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Thursday.

Two thunderstorms occurred to-day.

ORANGE, Thursday.

Light rain fell to-day.

PENRITH, Thursday.

During the storm last Sunday night several transformers and street lights connected with the electric light system were struck by lightning.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

Light, steady rain commenced to fall this morning, and continued to fall until 3 o'clock this afternoon 42 points being registered. The rain should soak well into the grounds. Notwithstanding the recent rains Moore Creek dam is still empty.

ROCKLEY, Thursday.

Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. 52 points fell. The rain continued this afternoon. This fall will do immense good to the corn and potato crops.

WALLERAWANG, Thursday.

A very heavy thunderstorm passed over the district this morning. Rain poured down for some time, after which steady rain set in and has continued. During the storm this morning some cattle grazing close to the town were struck by lightning, one being killed.

WARIALDA, Thursday.

Rain commenced at 10 a.m., and 45 points fell up to 11.15, when it was still falling lightly.

WENTWORTH, Wednesday.

A few light drizzling showers have fallen to-day. The weather is threatening and very close, with an appearance of rain.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

Rain has fallen all this afternoon, and there is every indication of a fall throughout the night.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Very light rain has fallen throughout the country.

THE QUEENSLAND FALLS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Some more good rainfalls were recorded in various parts of the State during the 24 hours ended at 9 to-day. The following were the principal falls:—Bowen 64 points, Mackay 64, Maytown 163, Palmerville 65, Thornborough 154, Alice 205, Alpha 57, Barcaldine 173, Capella 60, Lochnagar 167, Pine Hill 56, Saltern 105, Dirranbandi 95, Emu Vale 92, Kilkivan 68, Mitchell 69, Morven 124, Brisbane suburbs to 56.

The following reports were received too late for yesterday's list:—Biggenden 145 points, Caburlah 132.

St. George reports that the Balonne River commenced to rise again on Wednesday night. This morning the water was 2ft. above summer level. Light rain fell this morning. 26 points being registered. Barcaldine reports that the lagoon creek was running a banker. Last night's storm was apparently heavy over Home Creek, on the Blackall-road.

Weather reports show that useful rains have fallen in the northern districts, both coastal and inland.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FALLS.

A FLOOD IN THE FAR NORTH-WEST.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The rain which fell yesterday in this State was light to moderate in character, and extended over the settled districts up to Port Augusta.

Advices received to-day from Coondambo, in the far north-west, state that 2 inches of rain had fallen on that station on Friday last. All parts of the run were flooded. The rain was the best for 12 years. The mailman reports that about the same quantity of rain had fallen on the track from Tarcoola to Coondambo. This is delightful news from the arid tablelands out back.

AN EVERLASTING CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Is a lovely Picture hanging on the wall. It is never destroyed, and always reminds you of the giver. The most beautiful collection of pictures in our State is to be found at ALDENHOVEN'S ART GALLERY, 74 Hunter-street, Sydney.—Advt.

THE XMAS NUMBER THE SYDNEY MAIL NOW READY.

Send to Absent Friends this reminder of Sunny New South Wales. Your News Agent will Supply. 80 pages for 6d.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs today:—The steamer Kittawa, for Devonport, via Port Kembla, with 950 tons of coal; the steamer Age, for Adelaide, with 3350 tons of coal, 74 cases biscuits and sundries; the steamer Moira, for Brisbane, via Sydney, with 280 tons of coal, 51 cases biscuits, 115 boxes butter, and 30 cases oil; the steamer Corio, for Melbourne, with 3162 tons of coal, 48 tons of coke, and sundries; the steamer Heathdene, for Melbourne, with 5806 tons of coal; the ship Laomene, for Pisagua, with 2760 tons of Pacific Co-operative coal; the barque Quathlamba, for Napier, with 660 tons of Pelaw-Main coal; the steamer Elm Branch, for San Francisco, with 5240 tons of Stanford-Merthyr coal; and the steamer Warrimoo, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1400 tons of coal, 14 shafts, and a quantity of sawn timber.

The American barque Carrollton arrived to-day from Melbourne to load Duckenfield coal for the West Coast, and the barque Formosa, from Townsville, to load Wallsend coal for the West Coast.

The Warrimoo sailed as above to-day, also the four-masted American schooner Alpina, for Honolulu, with 1661 tons of Duckenfield coal; the barque Kathleen Hilda, for Auckland, with 753 tons of coal; the five-masted American schooner Harry K. Hall, for Honolulu, with 2010 tons of Duckenfield coal; and the ship Trafalgar, for Tocopilla, with 1484 tons of Pelaw-Main coal.

NEWCASTLE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

At a meeting of the Newcastle and District Sewerage Vigilance Committee, held at Adamstown, it was decided, "That the committee further protests against the crude sewage being thrown into the gulf at Merewether beach, and that the Minister for Works be requested to reconsider his decision; also that the secretaries write to the Minister requesting him to visit Newcastle with a view of personally visiting the sites, and also to receive a deputation of the councils upon the construction of the outfall of the sewer, and other matters." The committee refused at the present stage to interfere in the question of contract versus day-labour system.

There seems at last to be some probability of a telephone exchange being established at Hamilton. The requisite number of subscribers having been obtained, the Postmaster-General has approved of an exchange with a day service. The charge, it is said, will be £8 per annum for each subscriber within a mile radius, and 10s for every additional quarter of a mile up to five miles. The local council, however, is of opinion that for this charge an all-night service should be included the same as at Waratah.

The Peruvian Government has decided to establish a permanent consulate here. Don Victor G. Mantilla has been appointed Consul.

A young girl named Mary Jane Hedley died at Adamstown on Tuesday from the effects of the bite of a fly, or some insect, on the lip, blood poisoning subsequently developing.

KILLED AT A SAWMILL.

An inquest was held at Wickham to-day by the District Coroner regarding the death of a young man named John Blundell, who had been killed by the collapse of a crane on the previous day, while engaged at Messrs. Ellis and Co.'s sawmill on Throsby's Creek, hauling logs from the water. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and added the following rider:—"We consider that there was a latent defect in the top brace strap of the crane, and that in future all cranes should be frequently examined and a record kept."

RETURN OF THE GERMAN WARSHIP MOEWE.

SURVEYING AT NEW BRITAIN AND OTHER ISLANDS.

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE NATIVES.

THE SHIP'S COMPANY ATTACKED WITH FEVER.

EARTHQUAKES EXPERIENCED.

The German warship Moewe, which for the past eight months has been engaged in surveying at New Britain, New Ireland, New Hanover, and other German possessions in the vicinity of New Guinea, returned to Sydney yesterday afternoon, and moored in Farm Cove. She left Sydney on March 26 last, and proceeded direct to Matupi Island, on the north coast of New Britain, which possesses a fine and healthy harbour. Visits were also paid to Herbertshoe, in New Britain, and to various other places on the coast.

Some months were occupied in making a complete survey of the Gazelle Peninsula, and the coast was charted for a considerable distance. Gazelle Island, as it is called, is the northern peninsula of New Britain, and was named after the German warship Gazelle, which carried out surveys in the islands many years ago. The land composing the peninsula is described as hilly, the most conspicuous heights being Mount Studer in the north-west; the remarkable hills north-east of Blanche Bay, which Carteret named "The Mothers and Daughters;" and Mount Beautemps Beaupre, 1040ft. high, near the centre of the peninsula.

A lengthy visit was paid to New Hanover, an island about 37 miles in length, situated to the westward of New Ireland. Here the officers were employed in surveying and sounding Nusa harbour, and much valuable information was obtained. The island is about 20 miles in breadth, and consists of a mountainous ridge, averaging in height from about 1000ft. to 2000ft. The north-east coast of the island had been but very imperfectly known prior to the visit of the Moewe. In 1875 Captain von Schleinitz, of the German warship Gazelle, examined some parts of the south coast of New Hanover and New Ireland, and procured a vast amount of very valuable information.

The work of surveying at many of the places was attended with the greatest risk, and on numbers of occasions the officers and men engaged in surveying operations were compelled to defend themselves from attacks by the natives. At the island of New Hanover the men of the Moewe landed at many places where white men had not previously been seen. The weapons used by the savages were spears, bows and arrows, and slings and stones, but fortunately no one was harmed. Some of the spears and arrows were procured and examined by Dr. Mende, the surgeon of the Moewe, who, to the great satisfaction of all hands, discovered that the natives of that island had not acquired the art of poisoning their weapons of warfare.

Frequently as the officers and men were engaged in conducting their surveys on different parts of the coast small bands of natives assembled and took aim with their arrows at the surveying parties. Fire, however, was on every occasion immediately opened upon the savages, and they quickly dispersed. The officers and men of the Moewe were well aware of the treacherous nature of the natives, and felt that at each place they landed they carried their lives in their hands. Every man was equipped with a rifle and a good supply of ammunition before going ashore from the warship, and by this means the work of surveying the unknown coast was completed without mishap.

The savages thoroughly realised the superiority of the modern rifle over their primitive weapons of warfare, and as soon as they discovered that the white visitors were ready to defend themselves with arms they quickly scattered.

Malarial fever is still raging in many parts of the German possessions in the islands. Matupi, the officers of the Moewe state, is absolutely free from fever, and there is very little sickness at Herbertshoe. The low-lying portions of the coast, however, are extremely unhealthy. When the Moewe was at New Mecklenburg, about 15 miles from Herbertshoe, nearly 100 of her total company of 140 hands were stricken down with fever. Dr. Mende, the surgeon of the ship, worked night and day, and succeeded in pulling through all his patients with but one exception. The victim was one of the seamen named Lichfeldt, whose body was buried at Herbertshoe, the funeral being attended by all those who were convalescent.

The murder of Mrs. Woolfe, the wife of one of the German settlers in New Britain, together with her infant child, took place on the very day that the Moewe arrived at Herbertshoe. Particulars of the murder and the punishment meted out to the natives have already been published. Many of the villages were destroyed and three of the ringleaders were beheaded. The officers of the Moewe state that the punishment inflicted upon the savages has had a most excellent effect, and that repetitions of crimes of this nature are not likely to occur for some time to come. The natives have been taught a very severe lesson, and for a while the whites are safe.

The comparative safety of the whites at Herbertshoe and district is due to a great extent, according to the statements of the officers of the Moewe, to the fact that the natives are divided among themselves into numerous hostile factions, and if a white settler is attacked by one tribe he may depend upon assistance from other tribes. "If the savages of German New Britain combined," said an officer of the Moewe to a "Herald" representative on board the warship yesterday afternoon, "they could within a very short space of time, and without much difficulty, wipe out the entire white population."

Many shocks of earthquake were experienced during the visit of the Moewe to the islands. Volcano Island is situated on the west side of Blanche Bay, and now and again gives signs of activity. The natives only recently left that district in haste in fear of an eruption. Volcano Island is about three-quarters of a mile in diameter, and rose from the sea to a height of 70ft. at the time of a volcanic eruption and tidal wave in February, 1878.

The Moewe sailed from Matupi for Sydney direct on the 1st instant and experienced a good passage. She will be docked here for a thorough overhaul and will remain in Sydney until March next. The time of half of the ship's company expires in February next, and the men will be relieved by a crew from Germany. The warship will then probably continue her work in the island possessions.

Included among the ship's company of the Moewe is a Papuan boy of about 12 years of age, who speaks German fluently, and has visited Berlin. He is an intelligent little fellow, and is the pet of the officers and crew. It is some years since he left his native village in German New Guinea, and the officers of the Moewe state that should he ever attempt to return to his birthplace he would be instantly killed by the savages, and perhaps eaten. Attired in the neat uniform of the German men-o'-war's-men, he appears to be happy and contented with his lot, and exhibits no desire to again return to a savage life among the treacherous tribes which inhabit his native country.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

I. O. FORESTERS.

A complimentary concert to celebrate the second anniversary of Court Myall Lodge, I. O. Foresters, Parramatta, was held in the Town Hall, and was largely attended. A very good programme was given under the directorship of Mr. Alfred Barry. An efficient orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. Herbert Burgess also contributed much to the success of the evening. Among those who rendered items were Mrs. W. A. Manton, Miss Helen Ray, and Messrs. J. Rowland Hogue, J. J. Dorahy, W. H. Lynch, Herbert Roberts, and J. A. Lefebvre. The Hon. J. S. Larke, High Chief Ranger, during an interval delivered an address on the aims and objects of the institution.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

At the Town Hall, Auburn, on Wednesday evening, a successful concert was given by the pupils of the North Auburn Public School, when there was a large attendance. In the first part interesting items were rendered by the younger children, while the second part was devoted to the production of Grieve's operetta "Playmates" and the cantata "Santa Claus is Coming Now." An excellent orchestra supplied the incidental music.

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THE R.M.S. MIOWERA AT BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Miowera, from Vancouver, arrived at Brisbane at 6.15 this morning. She leaves for Sydney to-morrow morning. The Miowera experienced strong squalls, high seas, and gales between Vancouver and Suva, thence fine weather and quick passage. The saloon passengers are:—

For Sydney: Mesdames Lamport, P. H. D. White, D. J. Stein, H. J. Baker, W. L. Jooste, M. Lane, H. J. Kirkpatrick, W. R. Doeg, J. B. Powell, London, G. Love, Malcolmson, H. Marks, Misses Kingsland, M. M'Naught, E. M'Naught, L. K. Bourke, E. A. Salmon, L. Garrett, Stoke, Longley, Masters London, Love, and Marks, Messrs. Lampert, A. B. S. White, Stanley, Moore, E. A. Shiel, D. J. Stein, O. F. Brown, H. J. Baker, T. Rooke, J. L. Gardiner, W. C. Harrop, A. Brymer, A. Studholme, E. S. Young, W. L. Jooste, M. Lane, Captain H. J. Kirkpatrick, H. T. Nood, W. H. Carter, W. P. Doeg, B. Robinson, W. G. Hodgkinson, London, W. Waterhouse, C. Graham, J. M'Kay, J. Willison, D. Fraser, A. T. Hutchinson, H. D. M'Phee, G. Brown, T. M'Donald, C. W. Garrett, G. Bick, J. Dalziel, B. Ewart, G. Ell, B. Walker, F. Crockett, W. Gilmore, Major H. Marks, Mr. Greatrex.

There are nine passengers in other classes.

The cargo consists of 4744 sacks flour, 112 cases cotton goods, 3382 cases canned salmon, 20 cases potted salmon, 161 cases bicycles and fittings, 50 packages printed matter, 1336 frozen hogs, 55 cases iron pipes and fittings, 6 cases cabinets, 6 cases calendars, 5 cases organs, 203 boxes apples, 50 ½-pound herrings, 15 ½-pound herrings, 156 sacks oats, 1 case hospital furniture, 490 boxes cheese, 5 boxes metal ceilings, 9 boxes frozen game, 376 rolls paper, 42 cases frozen salmon, 13 cases boots and shoes, 100 half-barrels lard, 82 cases rubber shoes, five bales rubber hose, 49 cases sundries, 189 cases paper, 6 cases autoharps, 1 mono. machine, 5 cases cash registers, 234 cases drugs, 9 trunks plated ware, 1 trunk glassware. Optional Brisbane or Sydney, 5040 sacks flour.

PERSONAL.

DEPARTURE OF THE ADMIRAL.

His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, K.C.M.G., and Lady Beaumont will leave for England, via San Francisco, on January 19, having engaged passages by the R.M.S. Sierra.

THE LATE MRS. FAUNCE.

A correspondent writes:—"Your obituary notices of Tuesday record the death of Mrs Faunce, who had reached the ripe old age of nearly 86, having been born in 1816. Her father was the late Lieutenant-Colonel J. K. Mackenzie, of Nerriga, near Braidwood, who commanded the 4th King's Own Regiment, for many years stationed in this State. He was a distinguished officer who served under the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsular war, and was engaged in most of the principal battles of that memorable contest. One of the deceased lady's brothers was Major-General Hugh Mackenzie, formerly of the 73rd Regiment. In 1850 he was one of the officers of the guard on board the ship Neptune, which conveyed the celebrated Irish political prisoner, John Mitchel, from the Cape of Good Hope to Tasmania. He served through the whole Kaffir war, and subsequently became commandant of the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea. The deceased lady was the widow of the late Captain Faunce, of the 4th Regiment, and formerly P.M. of Brisbane Water and Queanbeyan, at which place he died in the cricket field. Her son is Canon Faunce, of Yass; and one brother is R. B. Mackenzie, of Bushan Bank, Bowral, J.P. and ex-Mayor. Her two daughters married, one the Hon. Alexander Ryrie, M.L.C., Michelago, and the other the late David Ryrie, M.P. for Monaro, of Cooringdon. Her Ryrie nephews served with distinction in the South African war."

YASS, Thursday.

The funeral of Mrs. Faunce, relict of the late Captain Faunce and mother of the Rev. Canon Faunce, of Yass, took place yesterday.

GRENFELL, Thursday.

Mrs. Dodd, sen., aged 73, a resident of Grenfell for 36 years, died last night. The deceased lady was the mother of Alderman J. M. Dodd, Mayor of Gundagai, Messrs. Thomas and J. H. Dodd, of Grenfell, and Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. T. S. Dell, and Miss Dodd, of Grenfell.

Mrs. Nasseau, another highly respected resident of this town for the past 35 years, also died last night.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. R. Edwards, one of the Queensland members of the House of Representatives, has arranged to leave on January 3 on a holiday visit to Japan.

Miss Amy Castles and her younger sister, Miss Dolly Castles, left by the express this evening for Sydney to sing at a sacred concert which has been organised to honour the home-coming of Cardinal Moran. Early in the new year the Misses Castles leave for Europe to devote themselves to the study of music.

PENRITH, Thursday.

Mr. William John Muir, bank manager, of Townsville (Queensland), aged 55, who was staying with his brother at Wallace, on sick leave, dropped dead this morning while chipping some weeds. Deceased leaves a widow and three sons.

PICTON, Thursday.

Mr. A. H. Brown, manager of the Commercial Bank, has returned after nine months' absence in England where he had been recruiting his health.

Mr. Alexander W. Britton, who has been connected with the staff of the State Children Relief Department for 15 years and is being transferred to the Department of Navigation, was on Monday afternoon last presented with a silver watch as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the officers of the former branch of the Public Service.

THE ELINGAMITE.

HELP FOR THE BEREAVED.

A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

Mr. M'Neill, during the time when questions without notice were being put in the Legislative Assembly yesterday, asked the Premier what steps the Government had taken to alleviate distress among the widows and orphans of the victims of the wreck of the steamer Elingamite.

The Premier, in answer, said that no representations had so far been made to him that there was any distress among those unfortunate people. It it were brought under his notice that there was any distress he would at once relieve it. He knew the Shipwreck Relief Society was doing something, because it had given him notice. He could only repeat that if he were informed that there was any distress he would take steps to give relief.

CASUALTIES.

A FRACTURED SKULL.

Yesterday morning a labourer named Frank Height, 44, residing in Abattoir-road, Balmain, was found lying on the pavement at the corner of Hay and Pitt streets in a state of collapse. He said he had slipped on the pavement. When found blood was issuing from his ears. The Civil Ambulance Brigade took him to the Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted suffering from a fractured skull.

SUDDEN DEATH ON A STEAMER.

Yesterday afternoon a seaman on the steamer Gulf of Taranto was taken suddenly ill. The Civil Ambulance was communicated with, but when they reached the vessel it was found that the man had expired. The body was then removed to the North Morgue.

WHARF LABOURERS' UNION.

INTER-STATE AND COASTAL SHIPPING.

A special general meeting of the Wharf Labourers' Union of New South Wales was held in St. Philip's School Hall on Wednesday night, for the purpose of discussing several matters in connection with the recent award in the Arbitration Court, so far as it affected the relations existing between the union and the Inter-State and Coastal Steamship Owners' Federation. During the discussion Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.P., secretary of the union, stated that he had made an arrangement with Captain Webb for a conference with the executive of the Inter-State and Coastal Steamship Owners' Federation, and a decision was arrived at giving Mr. Hughes full power to act on behalf of the union, with the object of arriving at an amicable settlement.

Mr. Hughes yesterday had an interview with Captain Webb, who informed him that the executive had decided that they would go into Court and fight the matter out. They objected to a conference.

In an interview with a "Herald" representative last night, Mr. Hughes said that the men recognised the undoubted justice of their claim, inasmuch as matters should be made equal in connection with the award given by the Arbitration Court last week. In the face of the stand taken up by the Inter-state and Coastal Steamship Owners' Federation the Wharf Labourers' Union intended to approach the Arbitration Court to make an application for the award to be made the common rule in the case of the federation. It was on the suggestion thrown out by the Court that he approached the inter-state shipping people. He had been told by Captain Webb that it would be only wasting time to hold a conference. He had no doubt in his own mind that if the steamship owners were willing to bring the matter before the Court and abide by the decision the whole question could be amicably and properly settled. In any case the Federal Arbitration Bill would in all probability be the earliest measure to be undertaken next session by the House of Representatives, so that they would be then deprived of any excuse in regard to the jurisdiction of the Court.

The blood is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our mental as well as our physical capabilities. If the blood is diseased the body is diseased. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds are solicited to give Clarke's world-famed Blood Mixture a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold by all Chemists and Storekeepers. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.—Advt.

OBSOLETE NAVAL STORES.

SALE OF TORPEDO BOATS.

By order of the Federal Minister for Defence, Messrs. S. H. Harris and Co. yesterday conducted a sale of torpedo boats, machinery, rifles and accoutrements, stores, &c., which have been discarded as obsolete and in consequence of the reorganisation of the Naval Brigade. The sale of the torpedo boats Avernus and Acheron took place at Berry's Bay. From £100 the bidding ran up to £550 for the Avernus, at which price Mr. C. Stevenson, steam tug proprietor, became the purchaser. For the other vessel £400 was the highest offer, but the price was not accepted. The original cost of the two vessels was stated to be £8140. Three patent vertical tubular boilers brought from £37 10s to £45.

In the afternoon at Rushcutter Bay the sale was continued. There was a good attendance. A 30ft. cutter, sails and gear, sold for £16, a 30ft. cutter and 12 oars for £13, and three air compressing engines at £75, £61, and £40. The 28 torpedoes, which cost originally about £400 each, were withdrawn from sale. An offer of £20 for each was made. Fifty Martini-Henry rifles realised 12s 6d each, and 214 brought 10s 6d each. For 250 sword bayonets an offer of 1s 6d each was accepted, 80 sea-service cutlasses sold for 1s 6d each, and old leather gear brought 1s 3d per set. A sum of £3 12s 6d was taken for 560 pairs of canvas leggings, and some medical stores sold at £2 per case.

ACTUARIAL SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the Actuarial Society of New South Wales was held at the Mutual Life Association offices, George and Wynyard streets, on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. T. W. Bremner (president) was in the chair. The secretary (Mr. C. A. Elliott) submitted the report, which stated that the membership had increased by nine during the year. The various meetings had been well attended, and full discussion was given to the papers submitted. The financial statement showed a credit balance amounting to £20. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. R. D. Miller, F.F.A.; committee, Messrs. T. W. Bremner, F.F.A., A.I.A., G. F. Diamond, A.I.A., R. Thodey, F.I.A.; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. F. Little, F.I.A.; auditor, Mr. W. Wilkinson.

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

There was considerable animation yesterday at the metropolitan fat stock saleyards, especially at the half of the yards set apart for the penning of sheep and lambs. Over 130 consignors sent sheep or lambs to market, and quite a large number of owners paid a visit to the yards to watch the sales. Other graziers were present for the purpose of purchasing young stock suitable for breeding and fattening purposes, the Christmas holidays evidently bringing many country visitors to town. Upwards of 33,000 sheep and lambs were disposed of; they were all consigned from within this State, and many lots were purchased for return to various parts of the country, where the feed is good and the drought evil at an end. Although prime sheep were scarce, the general average quality was higher than of late, very poor-conditioned sheep were not so strongly in evidence as heretofore. Values for good to prime sheep were as high as of late, but the fair, useful qualities were not so firm. The large movements of sheep, owing to the exceptional circumstances of the drought and the break-up of the drought in many parts of the country make it difficult for stock to be trucked at a moment's notice, but great efforts are made to cope with the traffic as far as possible to suit all parties.

The cattle market was fairly well supplied with good handy-weight bullocks, and although there was an absence of very prime and heavy cattle the yardings generally were rather better than of late. Values are still high for really good beef, making as much as 52s per 100lb.

THE LABOUR MARKET.

It is gathered from a report for the month of November submitted to the Minister for Public Works by the president of the State Labour Board that during the period in question the registrations at the board's head office at Chancery-square and at the Trades' Hall branch numbered 476 and 107 respectively. The men sent to work were 93 from Chancery-square and 89 from the Trades' Hall. Of the latter 71 were for Government works and 18 for private employment.

The number reported as discharged or left from all causes was 147, while 65 men were offered work, but were unable to accept for various reasons, such as "in work." A summary for the period from January 13 last to October 29 is appended to the report, and discloses the fact that during that interval 6307 men were registered at the Chancery-square office and 2386 at the Trades' Hall branch, or a total of 8693 registrations. Of these 1650 men were sent to work from the former office and 1854 from the latter, who were divided thus: 1519 to Government work and 335 to private employment. Some 1070 men were offered work, but were unable to accept it. It is noted that, although the registrations at the Trades' Hall office were considerably less than at the Queen's-square office, more men secured employment through the former agency, and the great majority of these were for Government works.

PROPOSED DOCK AT NEWCASTLE.

The desirability of constructing a dock at Newcastle again engaged the attention of the Public Works Committee yesterday afternoon. The deliberations of the committee were conducted by Mr. J. M'Farlane, M.L.A. The first witness examined was Mr. W. Humble, inspector of coal mines at Newcastle. He gave evidence to the effect that the sites suggested as the best position that could be fixed upon for a dock, namely at Merewether, and the Dyke, had not been undermined for coal, hence there would be no danger if either of the sites was adopted. The next witness was Mr. J. Fraser, Assistant Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines in the railway department. He gave the reasons why the Railway Commissioners objected to the construction of a dock either at the Merewether or the Dyke sites. As regards the latter, Mr. Fraser said a dock there would interfere with the operations of the wharfs, and the working of the cranes used in loading coal. The Railway Commissioners also anticipated they would want all the foreshore at that particular point for the purpose of extending the wharfage accommodation. With regard to the Merewether site, Mr. Fraser said the whole of the land there would be required by the Railway Department for the purpose of extending the railway workshops. At this stage the committee adjourned the inquiry until 2 p.m. the following day.

THE DROUGHT.

QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday the Minister for Works, in reply to Dr. Ross, said instructions have been issued to the officers at Dubbo and Forbes, whose districts include portions of the Molong Electorate, as well as to officers in other drought districts, to carry out all future works in expenditure of this year's road votes by day labour instead of by contract, in order to provide relief works for the unemployed. In the Orange Road District, in which the remainder of the electorate is situated, there are no relief works, strictly speaking, now in hand, but every endeavour to push on with the expenditure of the votes will be made so as to provide employment.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

RECEPTION TO MR. TOM MANN.

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers (Sydney, Balmain, and Redfern branches) held a reception on Tuesday evening at the Trades Hall, Goulburn-street, in honour of Mr. Tom Mann. Mr. G. C. Morris (president) presided over a large attendance, and much enthusiasm prevailed.

The chairman, in welcoming their guest, said they not only looked upon him as a prominent English labour leader and one of the foremost advocates of trades-unionism, but they were also proud that he was an old member of their society, and one who had done much to advance its interests.

Mr. Mann, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, gave an historical sketch of the union, and referred to its great strength and excellent organisation. He alluded to the question of trade supremacy, and expressed the opinion that Great Britain was more than holding her own in the industrial struggle with America and Germany, although no one could deny the phenomenal progress which these nations were making.

THE HOLIDAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have waited for some time in the expectation that some step would be taken to induce the Premier (Sir John See) to proclaim Saturday, December 27, a public holiday throughout the State. Christmas Day and Boxing Day falling in the middle of the week will alone give but small chance of people at a distance visiting their homes or their relations, and in the interests of a very great number of persons living in the hot distant parts of the State, I would urge that the Saturday be proclaimed a holiday. I am convinced that by such action (making the holidays four instead of two) many persons would take the opportunity of visiting their friends or the metropolis who otherwise would be debarred owing to the short time at their disposal. Saturday being a half-holiday, it really means only two or three hours. The revenue would be benefited probably by hundreds of pounds. The other States, or at least some of them, have already made the day a holiday. I am, &c.,

INTERESTED.

P.S.—Perhaps the Premier would proclaim a holiday for the country districts.

RETURN OF MR. SAMUEL HORDERN.

TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Samuel Hordern, head of the firm of Anthony Hordern and Sons, who, with Mrs. Hordern, has been on an extended tour through Great Britain, returned to Sydney yesterday by the R.M.S. Himalaya. When seen during the day by a representative of the "Herald" Mr. Hordern gave some information respecting his tour and expressed some of the opinions he formed regarding trade relations between England and Australia and of the commercial standing of the Commonwealth in the mother country.

When asked whether trade between England and Australia had improved since his last visit to England Mr. Hordern said: "No, I do not think so. There seems at the present time a strong feeling on the part of the commercial men of Great Britain to turn their attention to Canada and the Cape. For one traveller that is sent out to Australia 10 are sent to Canada and the Cape by the houses at home."

"What is the matter with Australia?" asked the reporter.

"Nothing at all," answered Mr. Hordern. "If you mention the fact that you come from Australia you are received with open arms by the British. In fact Australia bears a good name with all Britishers. But at the present time most depressing news is being received by the people in England regarding Australia. As you know, all cables come through Melbourne. The Britisher regards Melbourne as the capital of Australia. New South Wales is hardly ever spoken of in matters affecting the Commonwealth. Well, from Melbourne we were daily getting news about the drought, 5000 sheep dead to-day, 10,000 more to-morrow, 20,000 another day, and then people compelled to leave their homes through want of water, and so on, and most of this news was in respect to New South Wales. Then there was that little item that the Federal Government could not pay their Governor more than £5000 per year, hence the resignation of Lord Hopetoun. Moreover, when in England Mr. Seddon put his right foot forward and New Zealand was everything. The circulation of the news I have mentioned I found created a bad impression in England respecting the commercial interests of Australia and were calculated to do much harm; and now this business about the refusal to land enterprising British tradesmen—I mean the hatters on the Orient steamer—will increase this feeling." Mr. Hordern at this stage gave his opinion freely about the question of the landing of the hatters. His remarks are reported in another column.

Continuing regarding the general outlook, Mr. Hordern, in answer to a question, said, "I think the depression and the fact of our over-borrowing has a good deal to do with the signs of the times. Victoria, for instance, put a loan of £1,000,000 on the London market and only got £50,000 subscribed, and then they placed it at 93 and 1 per cent. off for underwriting. This was very low."

"I suppose as an Australian and a commercial man, Mr. Hordern, you tried to put matters in their proper light before the English people?"—"Yes, I certainly did as far as possible. I told them that as far as the drought was concerned it was nothing unusual, and if we only got a week's good rain matters would soon rectify themselves again; and I am glad to find since my arrival that we have had such good rains. There is a strong feeling in England that we should dispense with our State Governors and apply their combined salaries to the payment of, say, £30,000 to £35,000 per year to a Governor-General. It would make it worth while for a good man to come out to Australia, and his spending of £30,000 or £40,000 in the carrying out of his duties would cause the people, as a whole, to spend money to keep pace with the position. This would raise the tone of the position in British circles."

"How is trade progressing in England?" was the next question.

"Business people have been very busy of late, which is largely due to the war and to the coronation of the King, but there is likely to be a reaction, and things in general will become quiet again. As an Australian I naturally took an interest in all I came across affecting our Commonwealth, and there was one thing I could not help noticing. I was informed on the best of authority on our trip out to Australia that it was the intention of the Federal Government to prevent inter-State trade being carried on by oversea ships. If this is done I can assure you it will do Australia an immense amount of harm, and will be the means of driving these steamers away from Commonwealth ports. It is the trade between England and India and other parts that pays at the present time. By the time the steamer gets to Western Australia from London she as a rule has lost three-parts of her passengers. Most of them have landed at Colombo, Aden, and other ports en route, and if it was not for the trade between the States of the Commonwealth very few of the steamers would trouble to come on to Melbourne and Sydney."

LATE MINING.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Quotations on the Stock Exchange to-day were:—New Cailliagoe, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 9d; Chillagoe Debentures, seller £56; Mungana, seller 7d; Mount Garnet Freehold, buyer 1s.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Custom-house.—Entered outwards: Dec. 11. Warrego, s., for Cairns, via ports; Rockton, s., for Melbourne; Kadina, s., for Port Pirie, via Newcastle and Kembla; New Guinea, s., for Brisbane, via Newcastle; R.M.S. Himalaya, for London, via ports.

An inquiry will be held at the Marine Court at 11 a.m. to-day into the circumstances surrounding the grounding of the ketch Korunnah at the entrance to Lake Macquarie.

The following sailing vessels are now due at Sydney:—Aeolus, bq., from Eureka—70 days; Balmore, bq., from Glasgow—111 days; Centurion, sh., from Sharpness—88 days; Dalgonar, sh., from Liverpool—104 days; Giuseppe d'Ali, sh., from New York—117 days; Jane L. Stanford, four-masted bqtn., from Vancouver—72 days; M. Turner, bqtn., from Eureka—59 days; Macquarie, sh., from London—101 days; Marlborough Hill, four-masted bq., from New York—86 days; Milverton, sh., from Hamburg—85 days; Orontes, sh., from London—88 days.

The White Star liner Medic is due this morning from London and Liverpool, via ports, with a large number of passengers whose names were published yesterday. She brings a large general cargo, and also 15 Ayrshire cattle for Mr. E. Pritchard, and one thoroughbred mare for Mr. H. V. Foy.

The Romanoff, bq., which arrived here from Liverpool with a general cargo on Nov. 9, left last night for Newcastle, where she will load wool, &c., for London.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Miowera, from Vancouver, arrived at Brisbane yesterday.

The R.M.S. Himalaya, from London, via the usual ports of call, reached Sydney yesterday morning.

The R.M.S. Oroya, bound from Sydney to London, arrived at Adelaide at 6.15 a.m. yesterday, and sailed again at 2.20 p.m. for Fremantle.

The G.M.S. Konigin Luise, bound from Sydney to Bremen, left Fremantle at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

THE UNION LINERS.

The Manapouri arrived at Auckland from the South Sea Islands on Wednesday, and sails again for Sydney, via Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji, on Wednesday, 17th instant.

The Moeraki leaves Wellington to-day for Sydney.

The Monowai arrived at Wellington on Wednesday.

The Rakanoa left Auckland last night for Kembla.

THE AINSDALE, SHIP, FROM VALPARAISO.

After an uneventful passage of 63 days from Valparaiso the ship Ainsdale arrived in port at an early hour yesterday morning, and anchored behind Garden Island. Captain Brown states that during the greater part of the voyage fine weather prevailed. He had intended to call at Easter Island to land medical stores and mails, but when off that place gales commenced to rage, and he was obliged to resume his journey without calling there. Easter Island, which is in mid-ocean, has been purchased by an English syndicate, and a large station has been established there. Some two years ago Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Limited, forwarded a number of sheep to Easter Island, and Captain Brown has been instructed to make further purchases of prime rams during his visit to Sydney. The Ainsdale, on the return journey, will call at Easter Island. The climate is said to be admirably adapted for wool-growing.

NEW N.D.L. STEAMERS FOR THE SYDNEY-SINGAPORE SERVICE.

Two new steamers built specially by the Norddeutscher Lloyd for their service between Sydney and Singapore, have been christened Prinz Waldemar and Prinz Sigismund, and will commence running during the middle of 1903. Both steamers are twin-screw, having a gross registered tonnage of about 3500, and will have an average speed at sea of at least 12 knots. Their dimensions are:—Length 328ft.; breadth, 42ft.; and depth, 27ft. They are built according to the highest class of the Germanic Lloyd, with double bottoms running the full length of the ship, and eight watertight bulkheads. Their carrying capacity will be about 3500 tons. The two sets of engines will develop together 2000 indicated horse-power. On deck the steamers have a forecastle, midshiphouse and poop, the two latter being joined by a continuous promenade deck. Accommodation has been provided amidships for 30 first-class passengers, and 40 second-class aft. In addition to this there will also be accommodation for about 25 third-class passengers. The cabins have specially been made very large, light, and well ventilated. The first and second class dining saloons are situated on the promenade deck, the one for first-class passengers being beautifully decorated by well-known artists. The steamers will be lighted throughout by electricity, and ventilated by electric fans. As these steamers will be trading in the tropics the promenade decks have been made extra wide and roomy, and will be protected by a permanent wooden deck above. Large refrigerating chambers will be provided on both steamers for provisions and cargo. Eight lifeboats and a steam pinnace will be provided. The steamers, with their two-pole masts and two funnels, will have a very neat and smart appearance, and will, no doubt, be great favourites with the travelling public.

SALES OF WORK.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, PADDINGTON.

At the Church of Christ, Paddington-street, Paddington, yesterday afternoon, a sale of work was opened by Dr. Ernest Bardsley in aid of the church building fund. There was a good attendance, and the sale was under the auspices of the Ladies' Church Aid Society. Pastor T. Bagley conducted the proceedings, and outlined the objects of the sale. Pastors Gilmour, G. T. Walden, and F. A. Dickson were amongst those present. Dr. Bardsley declared the sale open. On the motion of Mr. G. Tytler Jones, J.P., a vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Bardsley. A programme of musical and other items was carried out successfully.

Biliary and urinary poisons retained in the blood, owing to weakness or disease of the kidneys and liver, are the cause of infinite suffering. It is these poisons which produce Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Anaemia, Indigestion, Biliousness, Jaundice, Sick Headache, Debility, Gravel, Stone and Bladder troubles. The reason that Warner's Safe Cure cures all these disorders, speedily and permanently, is that it induces a healthy action of the kidneys and liver, and naturally removes the causative poisons from the system.—Advt.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

Another quiet day was passed in the Stock and Share market. The position was marked by steadiness. Banks of New South Wales and Commercial of Sydney brought 40¾ and 26¼ respectively, yesterday's prices, other bank shares and bank deposits also being unchanged. Alterations in Steam were only nominal. Steam and Gaslight remained as before, Australian Gaslight selling at 16¾. Breweries also were steady, the only reported transactions being in Marshall's at 4s 2d. In miscellaneous stocks, Colonial Sugar sold at 36¼, the last quotation; and Fresh Food and Ice sold at 6s 9d—a rise of 3d.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day. Forenoon: Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, 26¼; Bank of New South Wales, 40¾; Marshall's Brewery, 4s 2d. Noon: New South Wales Fresh Food and Ice Company, 6s 9d. Later: Australian Gaslight, 16¾; Colonial Sugar, 36¼. Afternoon: Nil. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
STOCK &c. N.S.W. F.S. 1896	549,358	...	...	4	104	104	106	3¾
Do. Act, 1873	530,189	...	...	4	107	105	...	3¾
Do. 1912	...	...	...	3	91½	91½	...	
Do. 1912	...	...	...	3½	90¾	89½	...	3¾
Do. deb., 1907	...	...	...	...	...	101	103	
Do. F.S. 1925	...	...	...	3	91½	...	...	
Do. T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99½	...	100	3¾
Do. T. Bills, 1906	...	...	...	...	98½	...	...	3¾
Queensl'nd T. Bills	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do. Deb. 1907	299,300	...	...	5	103½	...	...	...
Q.D., 1913	...	...	...	4	101	...	...	3¾
Q.D., 1925	...	...	...	3½	...	...	...	
N.Z. D., 1913	360,000	...	...	4	103	...	...	3¾
Ditto, 1914	...	...	...	4	102	...	...	3¾
Col. Sugar—D., 1914—	...	...	...	5	111	107	...	...
City of Sydney deb.	...	...	...	4	103	102	...	3¾
BANKS. Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	11	83	...	88	5¼
City	240,000	10	8	4	78 6	75/	...	
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	70/	69	72/	9
Commercial of Australia	94,400	10	10/	...	5 4	3/	4 6	
Ditto pref.	2,117,070	10	10	3	75 9	...	...	7¼
Commerc. of Sydney	1,000,000	25	12½	10	26¼	26¼	26¾	4½
E. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3½	56	...	...	6¼
Ditto, pref.	305,780	10	10	5	...	...	...	
N.S.W.	2,500,000	20	20	10	40¾	40¾	41½	4¾
New Zealand	427,319	6½	3½	5	65	...	...	5¼
E. Q'usland	100,000	7	2	3½	13/	...	...	7¾
Royal of Q.	451,337	9	6¼	3	53/	...	...	
Union	1,500,000	75	25	8	39	36	38	5
DEPOSITS. A.J.S. Bk.—Class A	...	...	...	5	13 3	12 9	13 2	4½
Class B	...	...	...	3	12 1½	12/	12 2	4½
Ditto Insc.	786,030	...	...	3½	8 6	8 6	9 6	6¼
Com. of Aus. A ser., 1898	955,482	...	...	3½	19 3	18/	...	3¾
Ditto assets	3,400,000	...	...	3	18 2	13/	...	4½
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	889,418	...	...	3	11 9	11 9	...	5¼
Ditto def.	898,906	...	...	4½	16 9	16 6	...	5¼
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	17/	16 9	17 3	4¼
Ditto Ter.	93,122	...	...	4	19 10	19	20 1½	4
Q. National	...	...	...	3½	11 6	9 6	10 6	6¾
STEAM. Balmain N. Ferry	16,420	1	1	10	39/6	28/	30/	7
Illawarra	88,090	5	3½	8½	85/	85/	92 6	7
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	18 6	18 4	18 9	6½
N'th Coast	131,950	1	17/6	8	22	21 9	22 6	6¾
Syd. Ferries	120,000	1	1	7	33 6	33/	...	4¼
Ditto, new	...	...	1	...	32 6	32 6	...	...
P. Jackson	25,000	50	25/	5	21/	...	20/	...
Ditto, Co-op.	8,745	...	1	2½	17/	...	...	...
How. Smith ordinary	...	...	20	10	...	...	...	...
Ditto ord.	...	...	5	10	...	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	...	...	20	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	...
INSURANCE. A. M. Fire	50,000	1	13	16½	22 6	22/	24/	5¼
Mer. Mutual	30,000	1	4	18½	12 9	12/	13/	
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	12½	76/	...	...	7
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10/	8	...	...	...	
Ditto	3,972	1	5	8	...	...	...	
United	62,500	10	2½	10	72	72 6	76/	6¾
Ditto new	8,725	10	12 6	10	17/	17/	...	7¼
GAS. Albury	7,500	1	12 6	10	18/	27/	...	...
Australian	881,798	6	6	...	16¾	16½	16¾	5¼
C. Towers	20,000	10	10	1	14	...	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	50/	48	...	6
Grafton	8,996	1	1	8	26/	27/	...	6
Maitland Gas	15,500	5	5	...	...	6	...	...
Ditto	16,000	1	1	7	23 6	24/	...	6
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	7	12 9	...	...	...
Mudgee	5,000	1	1	7	18 3	18 6	...	7¼
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	15	58	6	6¼	5
	...	...	15/	...	78 6	75/	...	...
North Shore	100,000	1	1	7	33 6	32 6	...	4¼
Ditto New	...	...	10	7	18/	...	...	...
S. Brisbane	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...
BREWERIES. Albury	10,500	...	10	5	...	2 6	...	...
Ditto	4,600	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	48,000	10	10	...	4/1	4/	5/6	...
C. and Wood Bros.'	[illegible]	1	1	4	10 7½	10 7½	11	7½
Marshall's	29,701	10	5	6	4 2	4 2	4 4	7¼
Perkins'	58,322	15	15/	17½	37/	36/	...	7
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	...	21 9	21/	21 9	...
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	31/	30 6	31/	5¼
MISCEL'N'S. Aerated Bread	17,500	10	10	5	8/	2 6	3 6	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	9 6	...	8/	...
B. H. Water Supply	16,500	1	1	10	20 2	...	...	...
Burns, Philp	275,000	1	1	8	22/	...	22 6	5
New Issue	...	1	5/	8	8 3	...	8 6	5
Col. Sugar	1,872,200	20	20	10	36½	36¼	36½	5¼
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	5	5	8	92	94	92	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	...	12/	15 3	...
Dunlop P. Tyre	...	...	...	...	3 6	...	...	...
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	5	7 6	7 6	8 3	13½
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Federal Coke	12,370	20	20	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Pref., etc.	3,765	20	10	7½	...	...	...	...
Malt Co. cont.	21,050	1	13	4	13/	13	...	...
Mel. Trams	86,006	1	10	...	17 3	...	...	...
M. de Piete	74,144	1	1	8	22/	31 6	...	5¼
Mort's Dk.	150,000	1	1	...	17	...	17/	...
Ditto Pref.	45,391	1	1	...	19	18 6	19	6
F. Food. Ice	185,114	1	18	...	6 9	6 6	7/	...
Ditto and Col.	75,000	1	15	...	1d	...	...	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	23	22 9	...	8½
Prm. Trust	25,500	5	2 6	6	1 11	1 10	2	7¼
Prop. Trus.	25,000	10	5	8	8 6	8 3	8 6	4½
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	12 9	...	12 9	7¾
Silv. Tram	197,856	1	1	6	45 1½	40	45	...
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	6	12 12	...	13¼	4½
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	32	31	33	6
Ditto	37,500	1	10	10	16 6	16	17 6	6
Syd. Hyd. & G. E.	15,000	...	...	10	16 6	16/	...	6
Vol. Land Ord	...	...	...	...	160	...	165	...
LAND & BD. A. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	44	...	...	...
Excels. Dep	...	...	...	...	7 3	...	...	...
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...
Haymark. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Shares	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Ind. Prov.	60,063	1	21	6	...	...	...	5¼
Intercol. Inv.	33,958	1	15	7	18	12	...	7¼
St. Fr. Land	...	...	...	...	3 9	...	...	...
Syd. & S. Dep	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

The shipments of gold from Sydney for the week ended December 6 amounted to £38,846. Since January 1 the exports have been as follows, in comparison with those for 1901:—

For	1901.	1902.
London	£678,728	£990,477
Continent of Europe	2,685	393
China	156,955	189,020
India	47,691	—
Australasia	189,582	28,911
Polynesia	21,068	22,953
South Africa	500,000	170,000
San Francisco	2,150,373	1,621,014
	£3,776,990	£2,981,845

The imports of gold, amounting to £2,171,984, fall short of the exports, amounting to £2,981,845, by the sum of £809,861. From Melbourne, Fremantle, and Sydney the shipments to date amount to about £11,904,000, as against £11,463,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

Bank of England shares at market prices usually give a return little or no greater than Consols. Bought at 325, the present current price, based on an average dividend in 10 years of 9½ per cent., the stock only returns the investor about £2 18s 6d per cent. The variation in the price of the stock has been comparatively slight, never since 1888 having been below 319½. If purchased during the depressed portion of a cycle the shares of the large banking companies (says the "London Stock Market Report") can be bought at a price which will yield an average dividend of over 4½ per cent. to the investor; but, as a rule, he incurs a certain liability from which Bank of England stock is free.

A recent cable message mentioned that the Messageries Maritimes Company had written off half its capital, and called up £600,000 of fresh capital. Writing on the subject from Paris on October 30 the correspondent of the "Economist" says:—

Some sensation was caused in the French shipping world by disclosures made in a special meeting of the Messageries Maritimes Company, held on Saturday last, to vote on resolutions proposed by the board, with the view of reorganising the services of the company. The Messageries Maritimes are the largest steamship owners in France, and possess, with the Transatlantic, a virtual monopoly of contracts for the oversea mail lines. Its shares until the last five years were always at a large premium, and as recently as 1895 it paid a dividend of 30f. In 1897 the shares stood at over 700f., but they subsequently declined, and in 1901 averaged 496f. The fall this year has been more rapid, and their present price is about 275f. The meeting was called to vote on a proposal to write off one half the capital of 60 millions francs (£2,400,000) by reducing the nominal value of the shares from 500f. to 250f., and to procure 15 millions (£600,000) of new capital by an issue of 60,000 preference shares of 250f. The company carries the mails to India, China, Australia, Japan, the Mediterranean, excluding Algeria and Brazil, but has, in addition, unmentioned lines on which the navigation bounty may be earned. It has a fleet of 63 steamers, of 351,036 tons net and 203,050 h.p., mostly built at the company's own yard at La Ciotat in the Mediterranean. The cause of the difficulties that have overtaken the company appears to have been heavy loss in working the subventioned services. The contracts were last renewed in 1894 and 1895, and for a period that will only expire in 1912. The rates were based on the price of coal in 1893, but the cost of fuel has since increased in such a measure as to absolutely cripple the company. The Government was asked to modify the conditions of the contract, but refused. Other causes mentioned by the chairman at the meeting contributed to the losses. The company is now resolved to get rid of the present Government work as soon as possible, and to undertake no new services unless fairly paid for them. It was no doubt influenced in this determination by the new law, which raises the navigation bounty for steamers from 1f. 10c. to 1f. 70c. per ton per 1000 miles run. The object of the creation of new capital for a sum of 15 million francs (£600,000) is to have six or eight cargo boats built.

The annual meeting of the Intercolonial Investment, Land, and Building Company, Limited, was held to-day. Mr. William M'Court, M.L.A., chairman of directors, presided. The report, of which we have already given the principal figures, was adopted. The chairman said that although the country from different causes was suffering from depression the company had not felt it so far, which was perhaps accounted for by the fact that its business was transacted with the saving and thrifty portion of the community. The income of the company was derived from sound sources. During the 17 years of its existence the company had paid close on £30,000 in dividends and had accumulated a strong reserve fund. He emphasised the fact that the properties of the company were worth considerably more than book value, and ample provision had been made against borrowers' and purchasers' accounts. He could safely say that the shareholders had a very solid investment. Messrs. Alex. Campbell, M.L.A., and J. T. Lawler were re-elected as directors. The directors and officers were thanked for their services.

The week's public wool sales in Sydney were brought to a close to-day with large offerings, brisk competition, and considerable clearances. The market remained firm without material alteration. Up to 13¾d was paid for greasy, and to 21¼d for scoured. The day's offerings totalled 8566 bales, the quantity sold 8210 bales, making the offerings for the week 32,044 bales, and the sales 29,024 bales, this being the largest week's business to date this season.

British interests in cotton-growing are to be extended outside of India and Egypt. The cotton-spinners of Lancashire are subscribing to the object. Already several important meetings have been held under the auspices of the British Cotton-Growing Association, and at the principal of these, over which Mr. J. A. Hutton presided, telegrams were read from the Gambia Protectorate intimating that the seed which had been distributed four months before among the leading chiefs had been duly planted, and that, so far as it was possible to judge from the appearance of the growing crop, the yield would in some instances be satisfactory. In any case the experiment was considered to justify the hope that certain districts of East Africa possessed a congenial soil for the cotton plant, and that by patience and careful expert oversight a profitable industry might be established. At another of the meetings a letter from the Foreign Office was read with reference to the appointment of an additional expert for British East Africa, which makes six altogether for that locality. It was also stated that five experts were being despatched to West Africa to superintend cotton-growing trials there. Experimental work was also being carried on in the Soudan.

According to the Berlin Society of Business Men and Manufacturers the operations of certain of the laws of Germany dealing with improper business practices and to the strictness of their enforcement have been very beneficial. Particularly has the Fatherland gone further than any other country in the attempt to grapple with "unfair competition" in business. The term is held in Germany to cover all methods that tend to injure a competitor, either indirectly, by concealing the quality of goods, improper use of trade marks or brands, &c., or directly, as in the disparagement of his business or goods, concealing the name of a firm, changing goods from one business place to another, or betraying business or workshop secrets. Thus, it is a misdemeanour in Germany to falsely declare that goods are sold off owing to an expiration of lease when, really they are articles specially bought for the "reduction sale"; or to state that goods are sold "under cost price" when they are really sold at a profit. In such matters a fine not exceeding £75 can be imposed for the first offence, and a second is punishable by imprisonment. Deception as to the quality of goods is also punishable by fine.

Wool was not being received so freely at ports of shipment in Argentina and Uruguay this year as in the previous one. For the first eight months of the calendar year the shipments had been 330,299 bales, as against 421,417 bales in the like period in 1901. The following table shows where the wool of Argentina is marketed, the figures having been for the four seasons named:—

	1898-99 Bales.	1899-900. Bales.	1900-01. Bales.	1901-02. Bales.
Dunkirk	215,222	158,449	165,046	182,028
Antwerp	66,471	116,036	80,257	85,753
Hamburg	91,619	45,442	79,470	97,448
Bremen	35,719	36,201	11,778	2,659
Genoa	7,832	10,818	5,040	4,783
U. Kingdom	13,138	21,749	43,883	28,141
U. States	11,991	21,466	25,333	32,178
Bordeaux	443	1,744	3,627	3,128
Havre	12,250	5,237	13,677	5,386
Marseilles	7,307	5,815	2,112	2,193
Barcelona	83	359	...	117
Rotterdam	—	1496	58	—
	464,201	424,324	445,351	441,960

On the average only about 6 per cent. of the wool was shipped to the United Kingdom, most of it going to France and Germany.

Messrs. Hardie and Gorman report having sold in the estate of the late Mr. Richard Griffiths the property known as Otis-chambers, King-street, city, between George and Pitt streets, for the sum of £19,000.

BREADSTUFFS.

Quietness prevailed in this market yesterday, there being a tendency on the part of all concerned to sit back and await developments. Prices were nominally unchanged.

The collector of Customs has given publicity to statistics that enable us to compile the following return showing the net value of the exports of breadstuffs in excess of imports up to date this year in comparison with similar figures for the corresponding period of last year:—

	To Date. 1901.	1902.
Wheat imports	£500	£132,200
Wheat exports	557,917	452,261
Wheat net exports	£557,417	£320,061
Flour imports	32,550	71,492
Flour exports	235,485	175,638
Flour net exports	£202,935	£104,146
Breadstuffs net exports	£760,352	£424,207

IMPORT MARKET.

There was an absence of buoyancy in the import market though a more cheerful feeling now prevails in view of the improved outlook in those parts of the State that benefited by the recent rains. Apart from a few sorting up orders it is considered that the wholesale trade for the year is now all but complete. There were no material changes in prices to-day, nor was any particularly important cable news received.

Tea.—Privately there was but little business doing.

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer at auction at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, Friday (not at 3 p.m. as previously advertised), 530 packages of Ceylon and 310 of Indian teas on account of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., and Gollin and Co. Proprietary, Limited.

Sugar.—There was a steady demand on the basis of late prices.

Groceries.—About 1000 cases of herrings have been taken up during the past few days for Queensland. Salmon was also in better demand, while sardines came in for some inquiry. 100 cases of Rosewarne's sheeps tongues were placed, also 500 cases of ditto 1 and 2lb. assorted meats for export. 100 boxes of Swinborne's gelatine sold at agents' prices.

Dried fruits.—There were inquiries for currants from New Zealand.

Liquors.—Only a hand-to-mouth trade was carried through on the basis of late ruling prices. 100 cases of Younger's Revolver ale ex Sophocles changed hands, the same brand in bulk also having some attention.

Brewers' Goods.—The hop market ruled firm. Private cables advise a sharp advance in Continental hops, samples which are worth 1s 7½d in bond here now costing 1s 11½d in Hambug. Tasmanians were scarce at 1s 5d delivered, same, however, asking this price f.o.b. Hobart. Only a handful of good sample New Zealands were available. 1s 2½d in bond being the ruling rate. Kents may be quoted at 2s 4½d to 2s 6d, and Bohemians and Bavarians 2s to 2s 3d duty paid. Malt ruled firm at 8s 6d to 9s spot, some small lots being sold at an even higher figure. Colonial malt was also firm at 6s 6d to 7s net cash Sydney delivery. High prices are also being asked for the new hops for forward delivery. There was not much doing in isinglass.

Metals.—Only small parcels changed hands, there being no material change in prices.

Jute Goods.—Woolpacks ruled firm, holders now asking 1s 10¾d. Branbags met with a little interstate inquiry, cornsacks being slow to move.

Oils.—Snowflake kerosene sold at 9½ and Rising Sun in cases at 1d per gallon less. Some 250 drums of Blundell, Spence, and Co's linseed oil sold at 3s 11d and 4s 1d and a shade less. Castor oil ruled weak, as also did China oil. Five tons of Ferguson's white lead sold at £37 and £28 for cwts. and quarters, and two tons of Champion's cwts. at £27 10s per ton. 112 gallons of Noble and Hoare's varnish changed hands at market rates.

Chemicals.—There were inquiries for Crook's cream of tartar.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £10,328. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £2666; narcotics, £1968; sugar, £212; agricultural products and groceries, £176; apparel and textiles, £469; metals and machinery, £535; oils, paints, and varnishes, £37; earthenware, cement, &c., £219; drugs and chemicals, £62; wood, wicker, and cane, £615; jewellery and fancy goods, £207; leather and rubber, £130; paper and stationery, £121; vehicles, £43; musical instruments, £36; miscellaneous, £31; harbour and light dues, £126; pilotage, £81; harbour dues, £18; excise on spirits, £427; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £15; excise on beer, £431; excise on starch, £23.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Tallow Sales.—At Wednesday's auction of Australian tallow at the Baltic Rooms the offerings were much smaller with comparatively light sales at unchanged prices. The closing prices were:—Fine mutton at 36s 6d, medium mutton at 32s 6d, fine beef at 35s 9d, and medium beef at 31s 6d. The following comparison may be made:—

	Offered Casks.	Sold Casks.	Med. Mutton. Per cwt.	Med. Beef. Per cwt.
Oct. 15	2400	1150	32s	31s 6d
Oct. 22	1300	775	32s 6d	31s 6d
Oct. 29	1425	800	32s 6d	31s 6d
Nov. 5	925	500	32s 6d	31s 6d
Nov. 12	1250	500	32s 6d	31s 6d
Nov. 19	1450	1325	32s 6d	31s 6d
Nov. 26	1164	209	32s 6d	31s 6d
Dec. 3	1311	19	32s 6d	31s 6d
Dec. 10	677	110	32s 6d	31s 6d

Australian Wine Exports.—According to the Board of Trade returns the imports of Australian wine into the United Kingdom so far this year show a large increase, the quantity and computed value for the nine months ended September 30 being 761,064 gallons, £120,282, as compared with 530,330 gallons, £89,284, and 639,689 gallons, £118,316, for the same period in 1901 and 1900 respectively. The average value works out at: 1902, 3s 1·934d; 1901, 3s 4·4d; and 1900, 3s 8·39d per gallon.

Lead and Silver.—The following is a comparison of the average monthly prices of lead and silver up to date this year as disclosed by cable advices:—

	Lead. Per ton.	Silver. Per oz.
January	£10 11 4	25 11-16d
February	11 12 3½	25¼d
March	11 10 0 13-16	24 15-16d
April	11 12 0½	24 5-16d
May	11 11 10½	23 11-16d
June	11 5 5¾	24¼d
July	11 4 8 1-16	24 5-16d
August	11 2 4¾	23 3-16d
September	10 17 9¾	23¼d
October	10 14 11	23 5-16d
November	10 14 3¾	22¾d

Wool Receipts (Thursday).—By rail at Darling Harbour 3257 bales, and coastwise 474 bales. At Newcastle on Wednesday last 272 bales of wool arrived by rail.

London Wool Market.—Dalgety and Co., Limited, report the receipt of the following cable from their London house, dated 10th instant:—"Wool market very firm with small stocks."

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10¼d per ounce standard.

THE TALLOW SALES.

At the weekly auctions of Australasian tallow to-day 677 casks were offered and 110 casks were sold. Prices were unchanged as follow:—Fine mutton 36s 6d, medium mutton 32s 6d; fine beef 35s 9d, medium beef 31s 6d.

Dec. 11.

METALS.

Closing quotations are:—

Copper, on spot, 50⅞, and three months 51⅛.

Tin.—Spot, 112¾ per ton.

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is given by "Bradstreets" as equal to 73,352,000 bushels of wheat.

WHEAT.

Wheat is 6d per quarter dearer.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Queensland 3½ per cent. loan is quoted seller £109.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Markets this morning apricots sold at 1½d to 3d per lb; cherries, 1½d to 3d ditto; currants, 3d to 4d ditto; green gooseberries, 3s 6d to 4s 6d per case; oranges, 9s to 13s ditto; lemons, Italian, 22s 6d to 25s per double case; peaches, 3d to 4d per lb.; plums, cherry, 5s to 7s per case; raspberries, 2½d to 4d, in buckets.

Old Victorian wheat is quoted at 5s 7d to 5s 7½d. Small business was done to-day on new Victorian at 5s 6d. About 10,000 bags of South Australian wheat sold at 5s 4½d to 5s 5d landed here for delivery extending to next May. Bran is irregular at 1s 5d to 1s 7d. Pollard is up to 1s 9d; old Algerian oats, 3s 6d to 3s 7d; maize, 4s 6d; chaff, £5 to £5 10s; new potatoes, £9 5s to £9 10s; new onions, £5 to £5 10s. Twenty tons of yellow sugar sold. Business in tea covers 100 chests of Ceylon at 7d to 1s; 50 chests of common Ceylon sold up to 5d; 100 chests of Indian at 6d to 8d; 100 half-chests of Kooloo at 6½d to 7½d. Dried fruits are active. Tinned fish is in good demand. Cornsacks are irregular up to 4s 6d. Branbags are firm at 3s 8½d. Eighty bales of chaff-packs sold up to 4s. Fair sales were done in castor oil up to 2s 7d.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Victoria 4 per cents, 1913-1923, sold at £104; Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cents, 1913, £102 10s, and 3½ per cents £97 17s 6d; Colonial Bank, pref. shares, £8 2s; Metropolitan Gas, £8 2s; Melbourne Tram, 16s 4d; Silverton Tram, 44s; Mutual Store, 9s 6d; Northcote Brick, 14s.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

BELLINGER HEADS, Thursday.

The steamer Wootton crossed out about 4.30 a.m. to-day for Sydney with 52 bags of bark, 50 bags maize, about 10,000ft. sawn timber, 3500 spokes, 8 pigs, 1 coop poultry, 8 bags oysters, 36 boxes butter, 25 hides, 21 bags bones, 3 bundles skins, and sundries.

The Eureka left at daylight for Sydney direct with 12 bags maize, 3000ft. pine boards, 2 cedar logs, quantity of beech junk, 1 bag hides, 4 cases butter, 8 cases tins, 1 coop poultry, 3 cases eggs, and sundries.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Leura sailed to-day for Sydney with 170 casks malt, 5 cases cheese, 931 quarter, half, and cases fruit, 83 cases butter, 653 cases jam, 155 packages biscuits and cakes, 49 packages vegetables, 368 bags onions, 47 casks oatmeal, 52 cases raisins, 2039 bags chaff, 65 cases potatoes and onions, 1394 bags potatoes, 353 packages flour.

DAIRY NEWS.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

The twenty-eighth half-yearly meeting of the Robertson Dairy Company was held last night. The report showed that for the past six months 73,835 gallons of milk were received, producing 31,862lb. butter. Suppliers were paid 17d per lb. for butter fat, being equal to 6¼d per gallon for milk. Butter sales amounted to £2205.

THE KAURI TIMBER COMPANY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Kauri Timber Company, Limited, was held to-day. Mr. W. G. Sharp, chairman of directors, presided. The annual report stated that the results for the year showed a trading profit of £31,293, which with the balance brought forward made a total available of £61,953. Of this sum £14,868 had been applied to the writing-off of the balance of debenture expenses, and of the balance it is proposed to devote £23,409 to paying a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and to carry forward £23,624. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets were again rather quiet in most departments of general produce to-day. Business in most lines continued on the recent limited scale, buyers, in the majority of cases, being content to operate on the immediate requirement basis. Supplies under offer were fairly heavy and ample for all demands. The principal movements in prices were a fall in bran, pollard, chaff, lucerne hay, potatoes, and onions. In dairy produce no changes in values transpired. The market for maize remained quiet, the inquiry being steady at about late values. Oats moved off moderately well, as did chickwheat, which may be quoted a trifle weaker. The market was bare of peas, while barley sold slowly at late rates. Both bran and pollard were cheaper, sales for each being quiet at rather irregular values. Owing to the good stocks on the spot, coupled with the decline in other items, the market for chaff was again weaker, sales being steady at up to £7 for the best makes. A few outside sales of extra choice green Adelaide were noted up to £7 7s 6d per ton. Nearly 700 bales of lucerne hay arrived by boat, 10 truckloads coming to hand by rail. On account of the heavy arrivals, coupled with the prospects of further rain, the market was depressed despite the much reduced rates ruling for all varieties. The demand was slow, buyers being content to carry light stocks, as they anticipate a further fall in the near future. Straw commanded attention, as did oaten hay, which was rather scarce. A trifle over 600 bags of potatoes arrived from the Hunter district, four truckloads coming forward by rail. Under the hammer sales were less active, and prices cheaper, especially for good, medium, and inferior sorts. On the wharf sales were steady at a further reduction of 20s per ton. Onions were plentiful, stocks on hand having been augmented by the arrival of 326 bags from the Hunter River. The bulk of the bulbs received during the last couple of days arrived in very bad order owing to having been dug in the rain and heated in transit. Inferior, wet, and soft onions are practically unsaleable at from 1s per bag. Best average samples realised to £3 10s, while an extra choice dry lot made £4. Senders would be acting in their own interest by not forwarding anything but a suitable article that can stand handling without going soft and rotten. In dairy produce trade was somewhat quiet in all lines at about late prices.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Steady demand. Pasteurised 11½d, prime 11d, good 10½d, inferior 10d.

Eggs.—Market steady. Local: Northern eggs 1s to 1s 0½d, South 1s 1d to 1s 1½d, choice lots 1s 2d. Adelaide to 1s 2d, suburban new-laid hen eggs 1s 2d to 1s 4d, duck eggs 1s 2d to 1s 3d doz.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured choice 1s, flitches 11½d, middles 1s 1d; York Castle mild-cured brands, sides 1s, flitches 11½d, middles 1s 1d; Clarendo sides, 1s; "A" in circle sides, 1s; Bodalla sides 1s, flitches 1s, and middles 1s 1d; Eclipse sides 1s, middles 1s 1d; Hicks' sides 1s, flitches 11½d; Waratah, 1s. Hams: Local hams, in cloth, 1s 2d; New Zealand, 1s 1d; Pineapple, 1s 3d; York Castle, 1s 3d; Eclipse, 1s 1d to 1s 3d, according to size; Bodalla, 1s 2½ lb.

Cheese.—Good supply. Quiet sale. Loaf, choice 8d; medium 7½d to 7¾d, inferior to 6½d, large choice 7½d to 7¾d, medium 7d, inferior from 5½d lb.

POULTRY.

Fair sale. Good supplies. River poultry: Fowls, inferior 3s, good 3s 3d, prime 3s 6d; roosters, ordinary 4s to 4s 6d, choice heavy 5s; English river ducks, 4s to 4s 6d; Muscovy ducks, river 4s to 4s 6d, drakes 5s to 5s 3d; geese 7s to 7s 6d, young 8s 6d to 9d; turkeys, gobblers 11s, good 14s, prime to 18s 6d, extra choice to 25s; hens, 7s to 7s 6d; guinea fowls, 4s to 4s pair.

FEED GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Prime feed, 4s 3d; malting, N.Z., 4s 9d bus.

Maize.—Market steady. Local: River grain, 3s 6d bus.; Argentine, 4s 8d; American, 5s bus.

Peas.—Scarce. Grey 4s 6d, blue 10s bus.

Chickwheat.—Local: 3s 5d to 3s 10d; New Zealand, 3s 8d to 3s 9d bus.

Oats.—Firm. Milling, 3s 11d; feed, Tasmanian, 3s 7d to 3s 8d, prime to 3s 10d; New Zealand, prime 3s 10d, good to 3s 9d, inferior 3s 6d bus.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 1s 8d, and pollard at 1s 9d bus.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Market easier. Local: Northern Rivers, prime, nominal; Hunter River, wharf price, prime, £10; others to £9 15s; railway, £8 10s to £9 10s; prime to £10; special lots to £11; Derwents, £8 to £8 5s per ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Oaten Hay.—Local: Scarce. Prime to £8 10s, medium to £7 5s, inferior from £4 15s ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Very inferior from £3 to £3 5s, good £3 10s to £3 15s, prime £4 to £4 5s; Railway, choice, large bales, £4 to £4 7s; trusses, prime, £3 17s 6d to £4 5s.

Chaff.—Local: Inferior £5 10s to £6, good £6 10s to £6 17s 6d, prime to £7 5s. Adelaide: Prime to £7, special lots of green to £7 7s 6d, good £6 10s to £6 15s. Victorian: £6 5s to £6 15s. Tasmanian: £6 to £6 10s, straw chaff to £4 15s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed Tasmanian, £3 5s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Bladders 9½d, bulk 9d lb.

Onions.—Quiet. Local: Hunter extra choice £4, best ordinary from £3 5s to £3 12s 6d ton, others 1s bag.

Beeswax.—1s 1d lb.

Honey.—Scarce. Choice 3½d, other qualities 3¼d, for tins containing 60lb.

Turnips.—Clarence River, £3 10s ton.

WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply. Fair demand. Best foot wood. 11s 9d to 12s 6d, good 10s to 11s, inferior from 8s 6d; bundles, 9s to 11s; bakers' split, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; inferior, 8s to 9s; large bakers', 7s 6d to 8s 6d ton. No billets to hand.

REDFERN SALE.

Only a limited supply of produce was forward for sale at the Redfern markets this morning. There was a fair attendance of buyers, who operated quietly in all lines. The market for lucerne hay was heavily supplied, the inquiry being limited for all varieties at reduced prices. Ordinary prime in trusses made 4s 2d and good quality 3s 11d, prime in large bales fetched 4s to 4s 2d, and passable quality 3s 5d per cwt. A truck load of medium oaten hay in large bales found a buyer at the high price of 5s per cwt. The market for potatoes was easier, the fall being noticeable in medium and inferior sorts. Choice brought 9s 10d; 10s 4d, good to 9s 6d, and inferior 8s 6d per cwt.

The offerings included 10 truckloads lucerne, 1 oaten hay, 1 onions, and 8 potatoes.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Dent and Perry, H. Prescott and Co., R. Lasle and Co., Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, J. Campbell, Dalgety and Co., J. Bridge and Co., Ellis and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

Supplies were disposed of as follow:—

Lucerne.—Trusses: From J. Sullivan, Mulgrave, (3837 passed; J. Ratter, Windsor, (6720) 4s 2d, (12844) 4s 1d G. Smith, Richmond, (3158) 3s 11d. Large bales: Burgess and Fulljames, Tamworth, (5260) 4s; J. Campbell, East Maitland, (6101) passed; D. Mullins, West Maitland, (12110) 3s 5d; F. Kenna, Branxton, (589) 4s 2d per cwt. Small bales: Murphy, Singleton, (6056) passed; A. J. Cox, Mudgee, (3116) passed.

Oaten Hay.—From A. F. Fenwick, Tarro, (8269) 5s per cwt.

Potatoes.—From Riverston, (1504) 6 bags branded GHE over BH 9s 3d, 8 H 9s 3d; Liverpool, (2038) 10 TK over L 8s 6d, 4 FWL 9s 4d; Newcastle, (2575) 17 no brand 11s 1d; Moylan, West Maitland, (3825) passed; Willman, Heathcot—; 11 bags no brand 9s 10d.

Onions.—From M'Gregor, West Maitland (3825) 18 bags 4s 7d per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

At the Bathurst-street markets this morning good supplies of most varieties of seasonable fruits were under offer. Business in all lines was fairly brisk, but owing to the increased quantities of stone fruits now on the market prices of most lines were again easier. Cherries, peaches, plums, nectarines, apricots, tomatoes, and apples all were cheaper. Green apples were very plentiful and dull of sale.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Small from 6s, medium to 8s, good to 10s, choice to 12s gin-case; Italian 11s and 12s, American 12s per half-case.

Strawberries.—Local, 1s to 4s per four-quart box, special lots 5s quart box.

Apples.—American Red Permains 13s, wine saps 11s per case; local, Alsopp's 4s 6d, choice 5s to 5s 6d half-case; Lord Nelsons 3s to 3s 6d, prime to 4s 6d half-case; cooking to 4s gin-case.

Bananas.—Fiji 5s to 6s, Queensland 2s 6d to 5s bunch; Fiji 12s to 13s, Queensland 11s to 12s case.

Pineapples.—Queens 4s to 5s, common 3s to 7s case.

Oranges.—Local: Prime 14s, special lots to 16s, small to 5s, fair quality to 6s, good 11s, choice seedlings 15s to 16s gin-case; Italian 13s per case of 150.

Cocoanuts.—12s bag.

Tomatoes.—Local: 4s to 6s half-case, Queensland 1s 6d to 2s 6d quarter-case.

Cucumbers.—2s 6d to 4s 6d packer.

Apricots.—Small 2s 6d, medium to 4s, good to 5s, prime 6s gincase, extra choice 3s 6d to 4s half-case.

Peaches.—China, best 2s 6d to 3s, small 1s to 2s half-case; Briggs' Red May, 1s to 2s, good 2s 6d to 3s, choice 3s 6d to 4s half-case, others 3s to 6s, Sandon 2s 6d to 3s 6d, prime 5s gincase.

Gooseberries.—1s 6d to 2s, good to 2s 6d, prime 3s quarter-case.

Passionfruit.—Choice 15s to 18s gincase, special lots 5s to 10s half-case.

Cherry Plums.—4s to 4s 6d, choice, 5s to 6s gincase.

Cherries.—Local: 1s to 2s 6d, good to 3s 6d, choice to 4s 6d quarter-case, special lots to 5s per 12lb box. Melbourne, white 2s 6d to 3s 6d, black 4s to 4s 6d quarter-case.

Plums.—Evans' Seedlings, 3s to 5s; Tebbutt's 3s to 4s gincase.

Nectarines.—Prime 6s, others to 4s half-case.

Mangoes.—8s to 8s 6d case.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

Good supplies were under offer at the Belmore Markets this morning. The inquiry for all lines continued brisk at prices much the same as those ruling for some time past.

Local cabbage to 1s, good 1s 3d to 1s 6d, choice 1s 9d to 2s 6d doz.; horse-radish, 8s to 9s; asparagus, 6s to 8s; beetroot, 1s; all herbs, 9d; plain spinach 6d. English 10d; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 10d to 1s; white turnips, 10d to 1s; rhubarb, 1s to 2s; celery, table 2s to 3s 6d, soup 1s; watercress, 2s; radishes, 6d; greenstuff, 4d; horse carrots, 4d; parsley, 1s; lettuce, 6d to 8d; parsnips, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; carrots, 10d to 1s doz. bunches; green peas 2s to 2s 3d, choice 2s 6d to 4s; broad beans, 1s bus.; French beans, 9d to 1s bus.; tomatoes 4s to 5s, Queensland 4s quarter-case; chillies, 7s bus.; Early Rose potatoes, 11s 6d; Kidneys 12s, Brownells 11s to 12s; cucumbers, local, 9d to 2s; Queensland 1s doz.; vegetable marrows, 1s 6d to 2s; swede turnips, 1s 6d to 2s dozen bunches, and 5s to 6s cwt.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following truckings were ordered up to 5 p.m. on Thursday:—For Monday, December 15: 377 sheep vans and 62 cattle waggons. For Thursday, December 18: 377 sheep vans and 78 cattle waggons.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

At the concluding sales of the week, held to-day (Thursday), the following catalogues were submitted by brokers in the order named:—

	Bales.
Co-operative Wool and Produce Company, Limited	4409
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited	4457
Total	8566

The Co-operative Wool and Produce Company offered a good all-round selection in the greasy division, which contained a few very choice lots from the New England and other districts. In scoureds they presented one of the largest catalogues brought forward this season, included in which were several nice well got-up parcels.

Greasy merino sold up to 13¾d for 16 bales first combing A AW and AE marked J. F. over Kentucky over New England, from Walcha, 30 bales first combing WH and EH bringing 13¼d, 64 bales bringing first combing E at 13d, 55 bales second combing at 12¾, 27 bales clothing at 9¼d, 8 broken at 11½d, 17 broken at 10½d, 16 first pieces at 11d, 53 second pieces at 5d, 13 bellies at 8½d, 17 bellies at 8½d, 8 stained at 4½d, 18 locks at 4d; this wool was of good quality, shafty, sound, bright, free, very carefully prepared, and reflecting great credit on the classer. Other sales were—WHY from Cassilis, 11 at 10½d, 16 at 9½d, 9 at 9½d, 11 first pieces at 9d, 13 second pieces at 8d, 4 bellies at 5½d, fine quality, shafty, sound, but a little tippy, with a few burrs; ALSN (Coolah), 10 at 11½d, 12 at 10½d, 16 at 10d, 10 broken at 9½d, 8 pieces at 7¾d, 8 clothing at 9½d, 17 clothing at 9¼d, 5 first combing at 8½d, 4 necks at 8½d, 38 broken at 8½d, 5d pieces at 7½d, 11 first bellies at 5½d, 8 second bellies at 4½d, fine, good staple, bright, with some burrs, but for which higher prices would have been obtained; Davis Brothers over Spring Creek over Cootamundra, 20 at 10d, 6 at 9d, 5 first pieces at 6d, 5 bellies at 6½d, fine quality, rather irregular in staple, free; RS over 2 over Nuncham (Carcoar), 22 at 10¾d, 20 at 10½d, 15 at 10d, 7 first pieces at 8½d, 5 bellies at 7d, 5 locks at 3½d, fair quality, sound, free, fairly bright; JMA (Quirindi), 10 at 9½d, 9 at 9d, 7 at 8½d, 29 at 7½d, 11 at 7¼d, 10 at 6½d, 12 necks at 7¾d, 11 first pieces at 7d, 25 first pieces at 7d, 70 second pieces at 5½d, 10 first bellies at 5½d, 9 bellies at 4½d, fine, part tender, dusty, and carrying rather more burrs than usual; GWJ over Gunoba (Merrendee), 21 at 11½d, 13 at 11d, 13 at 10½d, 6 first pieces at 8½d, 8 second pieces at 7½d, 4 locks at 3½d, fine, a little irregular in staple, bright, and free; Meadows over HBW (Cobar) 19 at 9½d, 50 at 9½d, 23 at 8½d, 10 first pieces at 8½d, 4 second pieces at 6½d, 9 bellies at 6½d, fine, sound, red tinged; PS over Coolac 24 at 11d, 12 first pieces at 8½d, 4 first pieces at 8½d, 7 pieces at 5d, 4 second pieces at 5½d, 5 stained pieces at 4½d, 9 bellies at 6½d, 4 bellies at 6½d, 5 clips at 3½d, fine, short, sound and free; JC and Co over Birulla (Lyndhurst) 40 at 10½d, 4 bellies at 7½d, fine, free, but a little skirty; VK over Goonumburrah (Lyndhurst), 12 at 10½d, 8 at 10d, sound, fairly free, but skirty; JHB over Kurrong (Bombala), 17 at 10½d, 5 at 10½d, 9 first pieces at 9½d, shafty, sound combing rather heavy, but very carefully skirted, free; G and G over Glenfergus (Cooma), 25 at 10½d, sound staple, free; JP over Pinegrove (Jacildrie), 5 at 9½d, 8 first pieces at 9½d, 4 bellies at 6½d, medium quality, shafty, sound; Gresley (Walgett), 10 at 7½d, 43 broken at 8½d, 6 bellies at 6½d, 4 stained pieces at 4½d, 4 locks at 3½d, good quality, earthy, and carrying a few seeds; — over D over Springvale (Dubbo), 6 at 12¾d, 7 at 11½d, 4 first pieces at 10¾d, fine, sound, dry, bright, and free; Gamboola (Molong), 40 at 10½d, 6 first pieces at 8d, 5 second pieces at 5½d, 4 bellies at 6d, good quality, shafty, few burrs.

The highest price for scoured was 21¼d, obtained for 36 bales first combing H and E branded B and Co. in triangle over Runnymead from Corfield (Q.), 4 bales broken E bringing 20¾d. This wool was of fine quality, very bright, free, and most carefully got up. Other sales in this division were:—FWB over D (Goodooga), 11 at 18¼d, 8 at 18½d, 4 at 17¾d, 12 broken at 18d, good staple, free, but red-tinged; Leslie (Muttaburra), 6 at 18¼d, 69 at 19d, 65 at 18¾d, 23 at 18½d, 45 at 18d, 7 broken at 17¾d, 53 broken at 17¼d, 15 first pieces at 18½d, 15 first pieces at 17½d, 9 first pieces at 17d, 32 first pieces at 17¼d, 56 first pieces at 8d, 42 second pieces at 16½d, 19 bellies at 15¼d, 30 bellies at 14¾d, 9 stained pieces at 12d, 28 first locks at 12¾d, 4 second locks at 10½d, 32 second combing at 18¼d, 6 second clothing at 17¾d, 10 first pieces at 16¾d, sound, free, but duller in colour than usual.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co.'s catalogue was comprised of a large number of superior wools from New England and the southern districts, the bulk showing little effect of the drought. A few dry, dusty lines from Southern Queensland were also included, and these were somewhat irregular in growth. In scoureds no good lines were offered.

The highest price for greasy merino was 13¾d, paid for 13 bales AA combing wethers and ewes marked RAW over Clerkness over New England, 47 bales A combing wethers and ewes bringing 12½d, 20 bales A combing 11½d, 4 bales A combing hoggets 11½d, 7 bales clothing 10¼d, 35 broken 11d, 29 pieces 8¼d, 11 bellies 7¼d, silky, good length, bright, evenly classed and well got up. Other sales were:—PB over Greenbank (Adelong), 9 at 11d, 9 at 10½d, 9 first pieces at 10d, 8 second pieces at 8½d, well-grown, sound, and light; Gunn (Darling Downs, Q.), 21 at 11½d, 11 at 10¼d, 4 at 9¼d, very dry, in condition; WG over Bangalang (Adelong), 16 at 11¼d, 8 pieces at 9¼d, 4 bellies at 8½d, 5 locks at 4d, well-grown, light, but a little dusty; WC over Kaludah (Cooma), 21 at 8½d, 4 at 8½d, 4 bellies at 5½d, 4 locks at 3½d, good staple, dull tip; CY over Hilltop (Garland), 65 at 11½d, 5 at 9½d, 15 at 9½d, 9 pieces at 6½d, 7 bellies at 7d, 6 locks at 3½d, well-grown, sound, little short; Burrows over FMG, 9 at 13½d, 26 at 12d, 7 at 9½d, 13 pieces at 9½d, 5 bellies at 8½d, long, sound, even, light, and attractive; Derringullen over Yass, 22 at 12½d, 8 at 11½d, 4 at 10½d, 5 at 9½d, 18 first pieces at 10½d, 4 second pieces at 7½d, 5 bellies at 7½d, 5 locks at 3½d, fine, soft handle, rather dusty tip; Heveley over Star over Burrows, 82 at 11½d, 17 at 10½d, 14 at 10½d, 13 A pieces at 9½d, 8 B pieces at 8d, 11 bellies at 6½d, 5 stained pieces at 4½d, 6 locks at 3½d, good quality and length; Narleene, 135 at 10½d, 14 at 8½d, 77 first pieces at 9d, 15 first pieces at 8½d, 22 second pieces at 6½d, 18 bellies at 6½d, 4 lambs at 7½d, good length, dry, but dusty. JMM over Weetalabah (Coolah), 5 at 11½d, 9 at 10½d, 3 at 10½d, 9 necks at 11d, 7 at 10½d, 19 pieces at 10d, 4 bellies at 7½d, 4 stained pieces at 5½d, 6 second clothing ewes at 9½d, 6 C wethers and ewes at 8½d, 20 necks at 8½d, 20 broken fleece ewes at 8d, 42 pieces at 6½d, 11 bellies at 5d, 12 stained pieces at 4½d, 7 locks at 3½d, 5 C ewes at 6½d, 4 hoggets at 6½d, good quality, well bred, showing great density of staple. HY (in diamond) over Meriangah (Monaro), 60 at 10½d, 21 at 10½d, 21 at 10d, 7 at 9½d, 12 at 9½d, 23 first pieces at 8½d, 25 second pieces at 7¼d, 17 bellies at 6½d, 5 A crossbred ewes at 6½d, good spinning quality, thoroughly sound. JW over Rockland (Blandford), 11 at 11½d, 20 at 11d, 9 pieces at 8½d, 5 bellies at 7½d, silky, rather short, soft. RR over Bonaldoon (Moree), 10 at 9d, 27 at 8½d, 13 at 8d, 26 first pieces at 8½d, 25 second pieces at 7½d, 6 bellies at 6d, dry, light, rather dusty. Bookham, 55 at 12d, 20 at 11d, 19 first pieces at 10½d, 8 second pieces at 8½d, 9 bellies at 8½d, 4 stained pieces at 4d, 5 locks at 3½d, well grown, bright, attractive, little dusty in places. WM over Cargo, 15 at 11d, 9 A pieces at 8½d, 8 B pieces at 6½d, 5 bellies at 6d, good, useful quality, rather dusty. Laurel Park (Marsden), 29 at 10d, 5 first pieces at 8½d, 5 pieces at 7½d, 4 bellies at 6½d, fine, good length, little dusty and wasty; DDP over Elton (Young), 9 at 10½d, 8 at 10d, 8 at 8½d, 7 first pieces at 8½d, 4 second pieces at 4½d, 4 first lambs at 7½d, fine, bright, soft, dusty tip. MG in diamond over M (Cooma), 29 at 10d; JM over YCK over New England, 15 at 12d, 14 at 11½d, 13 at 11½d, 5 at 10½d, 15 first pieces at 10½d, 16 second pieces at 6½d, 8 bellies at 8½d, silky, long, bright; Walma over Namoi (Walgett), 17 at 8½d, 21 at 7½d, 5 dingy at 7½d, 5 first pieces at 7d, 4 bellies at 7½d, long, dusty; B over DDP over Elton (Young), 14 at 9½d, 18 at 8½d, 9 first pieces at 8d, fine, soft, dusty.

Scoured realised to 16½d for the following lots:—6 bales marked CD over S over Laureston, from Bogabilla, dull, stained, and a little dusty; and 7 bales of the GT over F brand, from Forbes, bulky, dry.

Other sales in this division were unimportant.

The market for the week closed with unchanged conditions, being very firm at stiff rates for all good wools. Faulty sorts, though in some cases showing improvement, were in least request, as, indeed, they have been throughout the season. Competition from all sections of the trade was very brisk, and prospects for any wool selling prior to the Christmas recess are very bright.

Offerings and sales were as follows:—

Brokers.	Offered.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately, ex Catalogue.	Unsold.	Total.
Co-operative Wool and Produce Company, Limited	4,009	3,269	95	...	3,364
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited	4,557	3,751	250	845	4,846
Total	8,566	7,020	345	845	8,210

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At their usual sale this afternoon the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, submitted a catalogue of a very representative character, consisting of 6250 bales. The company reports that there is no material change in the state of the market, except for comeback and crossbred wools, which were slightly higher, in addition to many large Victorian lines. Some of the principal sales from New South Wales were:—GB over Quandong, from Riverina, merino and comeback, 10½d; JHG over Holyrood, from Burrumbuttock, fleece 10½d; SW over Altrie, from Narrandera, 10½d; Mensacong, from Young, A fleece 10½d; W. Ryan over S over Valley, from Germanton, fleece 11d; MJB over the Rookery, from Cobar, A fleece 10½d; GM over Morven, from Coleraine, A fleece 11d, first pieces 10½d, comeback 10½d.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Thursday.

SHEEP.

About 35,000 sheep and lambs penned at to-day's sales, from 131 consignors. The sheep comprised a large proportion of useful trade merinos, and not such a large representation of poor-conditioned sheep as have been forward of late; prime sheep were rather scarce; crossbreds were moderately in evidence, and generally of fair to good quality, not many prime; one or two drafts of woolly merinos were included in the pennings. There was a large attendance of buyers and country visitors, and although the supply was rather heavy, the market opened good all round, especially for prime, which were keenly competed for by the trade, while drafts suitable for re-stocking purposes were bought up by graziers. After luncheon competition was less keen for the lower qualities, but prime held their own throughout. Quotations:—Prime merino wethers 14s 6d to 16s (extra prime 17s to 18s 9d), good merino wethers 11s to 13s, medium merino wethers 9s to 9s, inferior and very light 4s to 6s; prime crossbred wethers 15s 6d to 16s 6d (extra prime 17s 6d to 19s 6d), good crossbred wethers 12s to 13s 6d, medium crossbred wethers 8s to 9s; prime merino ewes 15s 6d to 11s 6d (extra prime 13s to 15s), good merino ewes 8s 6d to 8s 6d, medium merino ewes 6s 6d to 7s 6d, very inferior and light 3s 6d to 5s; prime crossbred ewes 13s 6d to 14s 6d (a few extra prime to 18s 9d), good crossbred ewes 11s to 12s, medium crossbred ewes 7s 6d to 8s 6d, inferior 6s to 7s. Sales:—

Farmers and Settlers' Association, Limited.—104 wethers for J. J. M'Crae at 13s; 60 ewes for R. A. Gemmell at 14s 11d, 41 at 13s 3d; 104 wethers for H. W. Wright at 9s 5d, 8 at 9s 1d, 28 at 9s.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—60 crossbred wethers for G. and C. Hebdon at 17s 3d to 18s 9d, 432 at 15s 9d to 17s, 109 at 13s 4d, 73 crossbred ewes at 13s 10d to 14s 1d; 6 crossbred ewes for J. Booth at 18s 9d, 10 at 15s 3d, 146 wethers at 12s 2d to 12s 5d, 77 ewes at 10s 10d to 10s 11d; 301 ewes for A. V. Booth at 8s; 8 hoggets (woolly) for Southern agents at 11s, 455 ewes at 7s 6d.

J. C. Young and Co.—127 wethers for E. H. Wall at 10s 4d to 10s 5d, 193 at 9s 5d; 22 crossbred ewes for Southern agents at 9s, 115 ewes at 8s to 8s 4d, 6 rams at 8s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—25 wethers for Salting Brothers at 18s 9d, 474 at 14s 5d to 15s 4d; 191 ewes for J. B. Martin at 9s, 53 wethers at 9s 9d, 453 at 7s to 7s 3d; 50 crossbred ewes for Corowa agents at 15s, 171 crossbred ewes at 11s 6d to 11s 11d; 97 wethers for A. J. Wenke at 9s, 106 ewes and wethers at 8s; 41 wethers for P. A. Whitby at 7s 3d, 78 ewes at 7s 8d; 16 wethers and ewes for J. W. E. Herriott at 15s 6d, 17 rams at 11s 8d, 109 ewes at 8s 10d, 134 wethers at 8s 6d to 8s 9d; 102 wethers for E. G. Wenke at 9s 4d; 109 wethers for Hilder and Core at 15s 3d to 15s 7d, 82 ewes at 10s; 69 wethers for Mrs. Lieschke at 7s 10d, 34 ewes at 6s 5d; 190 ewes for G. Marchett at 8s 8d, 47 crossbreds at 8s 6d, 164 ewes at 7s 1d; 177 wethers for E. Swan at 11s 9d, 90 at 8s 4d, 8 at 7s 9d, 50 ewes at 4s 9d; 130 wethers for Mrs. E. Marks at 4s 11d to 9s 1d; 50 crossbred wethers for Mrs. M'Geachie at 7s 6d, 21 crossbred ewes at 6s 4d; 10 ewes for J. D. Austin at 6s 11d; 25 wethers for M. Healy at 8s 6d, 60 ewes at 4s 10d, 20 wethers for Kikilhannan station at 8s 1d, 164 ewes at 7s 6d; 96 ewes (woolly) for A. E. Burcher at 10s 3d to 10s 5d; 36 ewes for J. Humphries at 6s 10d; 40 wethers for A. G. Church at 9s 7d, 63 ewes at 7s 11d, 59 rams for Southern agents at 10s, 145 ewes at 8s 2d, 5 rams at 8s, 14 crossbred ewes for A. E. Powell at 10s 1d, 51 ewes at 8s 2d; 39 ewes for D. Packman at 6s 11d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—573 wethers for A. A. Dangar at 15s to 15s 1d, 136 ewes at 9s 10d; 3 wethers for Southern agents at 15s 5d, 73 at 12s 8d, 192 at 9s 8d to 9s 10d; 96 wethers for H. Dye at 14s 7d; 104 wethers for W. Richardson at 13s 7d, 226 ewes at 8s 6d; 49 wethers for P. Burt at 10s, 265 at 8s; 92 wethers for Mily Milly station at 9s 3d to 9s 5d; 54 wethers for S. Hodges at 10s, 9 rams at 7s 10d, 36 ewes at 7s 2d; 105 crossbred wethers for J. M'Kenney at 9s 10d, 111 ewes at 7s 5d to 8s 4d; 67 crossbred ewes and wethers for Northern agents at 16s 11d, 117 crossbred ewes at 15s 7d; 25 crossbred wethers for S. agents at 9s 6d, 218 at 8s 9d to 8s 11d, 310 crossbred ewes at 8s 2d; 503 wethers for Friend Brothers at 11s; 143 wethers for Southern agents at 11s 2d, 191 ewes at 9s 1d to 9s 8d; 215 wethers for Sullivan Brothers at 8s 6d to 8s 11d, 115 at 8s 2d to 8s 4d; 201 ewes for J. A. Fowler at 6s 11d to 7s; 216 ewes for F. W. Davey at 8s 4d; 25 crossbred ewes for Bocking Brothers at 11s 9d; 103 ewes for Sullivan Brothers at 9s, 9 rams and stags at 8s, 217 wethers at 8s 7d; 170 wethers for S. Ward at 8s 3d to 8s 9d, 152 ewes at 8s 2d; 146 ewes for southern agents at 8s 2d, 46 at 8s 5d; 65 ewes for Hoey at 6s 9d; 49 wethers (few ewes) for W. Denison at 9s, 47 wethers and ewes at 8s 11d; 100 ewes for H. R. Davis at 7s 5d; 115 crossbred ewes (few wethers) for H. U. Webb at 9s 6d to 9s 7d, 136 wethers at 8s 1d, 46 wethers and ewes at 7s, 6 ewes at 4s 10d, 12 crossbred wethers for M. Whitby at 10s 6d, 36 wethers and ewes at 8s 5d; 49 ewes for Southern agents at 6s, 107 at 7s, 22 wethers at 7s; 50 wethers for A. Armour at 7s 11d; 88 wethers and ewes for W. Goldsmith at 6s 9d, 22 hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 6s 9d; 34 ewes for Southern agents at 5s, 108 at 5s; 30 ewes for J. Sharples at 4s 9d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—24 crossbred ewes and wethers for W. F. Buchanan at 16s 2d, 50 at 12s 7d to 13s, 341 wethers at 11s, 120 at 11s to 11s 5d, 291 wethers for Garangula Estate at 13s to 13s 2d, 173 ewes at 8s 2d, 213 at 6s 7d; 350 wethers for C. W. Crawley at 7s 7d to 7s 10d; 175 wethers for southern agents at 7s 10d to 8s 2d; 286 wethers for E. Murphy at 11s to 11s 9d, 150 at 9s 11d; 108 crossbred ewes for E. Cameron at 15s 7d, 88 at 13s 6d; 31 crossbred wethers for J. F. Dawson at 14s 9d, 28 wethers at 13s 6d, 26 ewes at 10s 1d, 99 at 8s 1d; 7 crossbred wethers for J. Lonsdale at 19s 6d, 50 crossbred ewes at 17s 6d to 17s 7d, 107 ewes at 5s 8d; 120 ewes for J. T. Chambers at 4s; 29 crossbred wethers for J. Matthews at 13s 2d, 55 at 13s 1d, 13 wethers at 11s.

Maiden Brothers.—7 crossbred rams for J. G. Beddie at 18s, 187 crossbred wethers at 12s 6d to 12s 11d; 101 wethers for J. Tout at 13s 6d, 141 at 12s 5d; 321 wethers for T. Cheney at 13s 1d, 21 ewes at 10s 10d. 5 crossbred wethers at 14s 6d, 5 crossbred ewes at 11s 6d; 147 wethers for J. S. Dale at 16s 5d, 34 wethers at 14s; 198 wethers for J. J. Fowler at 11s 9d, 119 at 10s 5d to 10s 6d; 102 wethers for D. Hancock at 11s 9d to 12s 2d; 100 crossbred wethers and hoggets for D. Cameron at 11s 1d, 110 crossbred ewes and hoggets at 11s to 11s 10d, 21 mixed crossbred hoggets at 9s 1d; 51 wethers for Hines and Vickers at 9s 6d, 41 crossbred ewes at 9s 1d; 97 ewes for A. G. Phillips at 9s 1d to 9s 5d, 255 at 7s 4d to 7s 7d; 59 wethers for J. Fogarty at 11s 2d, 49 ewes at 8s 4d; 211 wethers for Darcy Johnston at 10s to 10s 2d; 108 wethers for Peterson and Sargood at 12s, 107 ewes at 9s 5d to 9s 6d, 242 at 8s 7d; 288 ewes and hoggets for estate late S. G. Alford at 8s 9d, 262 at 8s 5d; 98 crossbred hoggets and ewes for E. S. Twigg at 13s 4d to 10s 5d, 17 crossbred hoggets and wethers at 10s 4d, 7 at 10s 4d, 88 (mixed) at 8s to 8s 2d; 111 ewes for J. M'Callum at 8s 9d, 46 at 7s 1d, 35 rams at 9s 3d; 46 wethers (shorn) for Mrs. Linley at 7s 3d, 92 ewes at 6s 9d; 289 wethers for W. Bunyan at 8s 6d to 8s 6d, 154 at 7s 9d, 138 ewes at 8s 2d; 21 crossbred wethers for J. C. Baker at 12s 2d, 39 crossbred ewes at 12s 2d, 23 wethers (woolly) at 9s 2d; 40 wethers (woolly) for W. Rolfe at 9s, 52 ewes (woolly) at 7s 10d; 76 wethers for S. J. Barber at 12s 10d, 188 ewes at 10s 5d; 10 wethers for J. B. Lawton at 9s; 188 wethers (woolly) for M'Clintock Brothers at 11s 3d, 118 at 10s; 105 wethers (woolly) for Southern agents at 12s 11d to 13s 4d; 46 wethers and hoggets for O'Neill at 8s 11d, 90 ewes and hoggets at 9s 1d, 15 ewes at 5s 6d; 19 wethers for A. Goodsell at 8s 3d, 11 mixed at 7s 3d, 134 ewes (woolly) at 7s to 7s 1d; 134 ewes (woolly) for Morgan Brothers at 7s 11d, 79 at 7s 4d, 40 at 7s 7d, 61 ewes at 5s 4d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—49 wethers for Southern agents at 12s, 105 at 10s 9d, 63 at 8s 5d; 33 crossbred ewes for estate D. M'Kinnon at 12s 8d, 9 crossbred wethers at 11s 1d, 152 at 8s 10d, 11 ewes at 7s 4d; 13 ewes for I. P. Rudd at 9s 6d, 408 at 4s 2d; 93 ewes for P. Tenison at 5s 5d.

Weaver and Perry.—50 wethers for I. J. Sloan at 9s, 351 at 11s, 11s 6d; 33 wethers for Kohlhagen at 9s 4d, 79 ewes at 7s 4d; 96 wethers for Namoi Pastoral Company at 11s 5d, 9 crossbred ewes at 11s 10d, 146 ewes at 7s 7d, 279 at 9s to 10s 1d; 66 wethers for Mount Dixon Estate at 7s 11d, 75 at 10s 6d to 10s 7d, 42 rams at 7s 6d, 66 ewes at 7s 1d, 198 at 3s 11d; 82 ewes for T. Croker at 7s 6d, 41 wethers at 8s 3d, 37 at 8s 4d, 14 ewes at 7s 7d; 90 ewes for E. J. Wheatley at 8s 6d, 26 wethers at 7s 10d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—20 wethers for Western agents at 16s 2d, 86 at 14s; 90 crossbred ewes for J. and F. M'Evoy at 10s 6d, 100 wethers at 10s, 94 at 8s 9d, 5 crossbred wethers at 8s 9d, 108 ewes at 7s; 120 wethers for Southern agents at 7s 11d, 86 ewes at 7s 1d to 7s 7d; 100 wethers for Rosebrook Estate at 12s 4d; 483 wethers for Executors late S. Tout at 11s 9d to 12s 1d, 83 at 10s to 10s 1d, 5 ewes at 10s; 29 crossbred ewes for J. Kelly at 8s 7d, 19 crossbred wethers at 8s 6d, 7 wethers at 8s 6d, 280 ewes at 7s; 90 crossbred ewes for W. W. Twigg at 11s 6d, 90 crossbred wethers at 8s, 50 crossbred ewes at 8s; 199 wethers for A. Kinleside at 11s to 11s 6d; 131 crossbred ewes for J. Robinson at 11s to 11s 3d, 91 at 9s, 8 crossbred wethers at 9s; 50 wethers for Western agents at 11s, 82 ewes at 10s, 5 crossbred wethers at 9s; 73 wethers for Reid and Rose at 10s, 22 at 9s 2d, 5 crossbred ewes at 9s 2d; 24 wethers for M. Prendergast at 8s 2d, 282 ewes at 7s to 7s 5d; 15 rams for J. Smyth and Sons at 9s 1d, 656 wethers at 7s 10d to 9s, 225 at 7s; 23 crossbred wethers for Grubben Plains station at 8s 4d, 13 crossbred ewes at 8s 4d, 207 at 7s; 236 merinos for Southern agents at 4s 1d.

LAMBS.

An ample supply of lambs, mainly medium and useful, not many prime; competition good, and values firmer for the better qualities. Prime lambs 10s 6d to 11s 6d, extra prime 12s to 13s, a few to 15s, good lambs 8s 6d to 9s 6d, medium lambs 6s 6d to 8s 6d, inferior 3s 6d to 4s 6d.

Farmers and Settlers' Association, Limited.—10 lambs for H. W. Wright at 8s 7d, 25 at 7s 11d, 18 at 7s 8d.

J. C. Young and Co.—6 lambs for Southern agents at 11s 6d, 37 suckers at 7s 6d, 18 at 5s 11d, 21 (shorn) at 7s 6d to 7s 7d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—6 lambs for J. W. R. Harriott at 9s 3d, 30 at 11s 5d to 11s 4d, 7 at 12s 11d; 21 lambs for Rilder and Co. at 8s 6d, 6 at 8s 1d; 33 lambs for Mrs. M'Geachie at 5s 4d; 40 lambs for J. D. Austin at 6s 8d to 6s 10d; 14 suckers for A. E. Burcher at 4s 6d, 74 tam lambs for J. Humphries at 6s 1d; 42 lambs for J. A. Church at 8s; 6 (shorn) Southern agents at 2s 8d; 15 lambs for A. E. Powell at 8s 4d, 6 at 8s 10d, 21 at 7s 1d; 205 lambs for H. Whybrow at 6s 7d to 7s 1d; 125 lambs for J. Gavin at 7s to 7s 1d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—100 crossbreds for A. A. Dangar at 13s 1d, 144 at 11s; 92 hoggets for F. W. Davey at 7s 2d, 30 lambs at 5s 2d; 34 shorn lambs for J. Sharples at 5s 6d; 16 hoggets for Southern agents at 7s 1d, 5 lambs at 5s 9d, 6 at 4s 6d; 6 lambs for Hoey at 10s, 20 at 8s; 12 hoggets for W. Denison at 9s 1d; 10 shorn hoggets for H. U. Webb at 6s 9d; 10 lambs for M. Whitby at 8s 4d, 21 hoggets at 6s 11d; 80 lambs for Southern agents at 9s, 48 at 7s 6d, 38 at 6s 6d; 15 lambs for Bocking Brothers at 10s 4d; 76 lambs for A. Armour at 4s 11d; 13 hoggets for S. Ward at 10s 11d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—5 suckers for J. F. Dawson at 11s 2d, 22 lambs at 10s 3d; 18 crossbreds for E. Cameron at 9s, 24 lambs at 8s, 28 at 7s 10d; 11 crossbreds for J. Lonsdale at 9s, 17 lambs at 8s 11d, 45 (shorn) at 5s.

Maiden Brothers.—5 lambs (shorn) for W. Rolfe at 7s 1d; 68 lambs (shorn) for J. S. Dale at 12s 6d, 30 at 10s 9d; 41 lambs for T. Cheney at 11s 9d, 7 at 10s; 70 crossbreds for D. Cameron at 10s 4d to 10s 7d, 10 at 9s 1d; 52 lambs for J. C. Baker at 11s 6d, 45 at 9s 7d to 9s 8d, 35 crossbreds at 9s 3d, 22 lambs at 9s 2d; 35 lambs for S. J. Barber at 10s 7d; 44 lambs for A. Goodsell at 9s 1d, 10 at 7s 6d; 52 lambs for W. Bunyan at 8s 7d; 7 lambs for J. G. Beddie at 8s 7d; 120 lambs for J. Lawton at 7s 2d; 20 lambs for Morgan Brothers at 5s 5d; 546 lambs for A. G. Phillips at 5s 11d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—27 lambs for P. Tenison at 5s 9d.

Weaver and Perry.—9 lambs for Mount Dixon Estate at 6s, 43 at 5s 3d, 38 at 3s 6d to 3s 9d; 13 lambs for Western agents at 8s 11d, 90 at 8s 1d; 18 lambs for T. Croker at 7s 6d to 7s 11d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—5 lambs for J. and F. M'Evoy at 10s 3d, 7 (suckers) at 10s, 5 (shorn) at 9s 9d; 22 lambs (shorn) for W. W. Twigg at 10s 11d; 8 lambs (shorn) for Southern agents at 10s 9d.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 706 cattle yarded, representing 42 consignors, chiefly from the southern districts, with odd drafts from the north and west. The yardings included a fairly large representation of prime medium and light-weight bullocks, prime and heavy bullocks scarce; not nearly so many light conditioned bullocks and steers as in recent yardings; about 250 cows and heifers, principally medium, a sprinkling of prime; 50 calves, and a score of bulls. As the supply seemed to be well within requirements the market opened to brisk competition at values fully up to last Monday's high rates. This tone, with an occasional advance, prevailed throughout. Quotations: Yards of prime bullocks, £16 to £17 10s; yards of extra prime bullocks, £18 to £18 10s; yards of good bullocks, £12 10s to £14; yards of medium bullocks, £8 to £9; yards of light and inferior bullocks and steers, £4 to £6; yards of prime cows, £10 to £11; yards of extra prime cows, £11 10s to £12 5s; yards of good cows, £8 to £9; yards of medium cows, £5 to £6; yards of light and inferior cows and heifers, £3 10s to £4. Beef realising about 32s 100lb.

Weaver and Perry.—42 bullocks for M. Ousby to £17 7s 6d, averaging £13 18s 1d; 2 bullocks for Southern agents at £10 10s, 3 cows to £11 15s, averaging £11 10s, 5 heifers at £5 11s, 3 steers at £2 5s; 3 cows for Walters and Walters to £10 15s, averaging £8 4s 8d; 9 cows for W. and F. A. Alford to £9 17s, averaging £8 9s; 2 cows for A. L. Stacey at £7 10s, 2 bulls to £7, averaging £5 3s 9d; 1 cow for local owner at £12 2s 6d.

Maiden Brothers.—22 bullocks for estate late D. M'Kinnon to £16 6s, averaging £14 10s 7d; 11 bullocks for Southern agents to £14 15s, averaging £13 0s 7d; 6 bullocks for W. W. Maxwell at £11 5s, 17 cows to £9 5s, averaging £7; 1 cow for J. M'Guire at £9 9s; 2 cows for local owner to £4 12s, averaging £3 9s.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—5 cows for Southern agents to £9 13s, averaging £7 4s 4d, 5 bullocks (injured) to £8 17s, averaging £8 13s 9d, 1 bull at £11 12s 6d, 1 calf at £2 4s; 2 cows for Isaac P. Rudd to £8 14s, averaging £8 5s, 1 steer at £8 6s, 2 heifers at £5 6s, 2 steers at £5 6s, 6 heifer calves to £3, averaging £2 10s, 5 calves at 37s.

William Inglis and Son.—22 bullocks for Mr. B. Buffier to £18 2s 6d, averaging £17 7s 6d; 4 steers for Southern agents to £8 11s, averaging £7 2s, 4 cows to £8 17s, averaging £8 10s, 23 calves to 55s, averaging 48s 6d; 16 cows for Northern agents to £7 2s 6d, averaging £6 1s 8d; 15 cows and heifers for A. E. Mayo to £7 3s, averaging £4 11s 6d; 1 cow for local owner at £6 2s.

J. C. Young and Co.—20 bullocks for J. E. Mackellar to £18 2s 6d, averaging £17; 36 bullocks for R. G. Hassall to £14 10s, averaging £13 0s 2d; 9 bullocks for Southern agents to £10 17s 6d, averaging £10, 2 heifers at £5 17s 6d, 1 heifer at £1 14s; 10 bullocks for T. Methone at £8 2s 6d, 2 cows at £6 7s 6d 1 bull at £7 2s 6d; 13 cows for Browne Brothers to £3 2s 6d, averaging £4 15s.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—44 bullocks for Southern agent to £16 10s, averaging £15 15s 3d, 1 at £10 10s.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—3 bullocks for Northern agents at £8, 7 cows to £11 2s 6d, averaging £8 12s 7d, 2 bulls to £7, averaging £6 11s 4d, 9 cows to £11 2s 6d, averaging £8 5s 10d, 2 bulls at £6 8s; 3 bullocks for T. H. Davies at £4 6s, 3 heifers at £1; 2 steers for O. Stickles to £3 5s, averaging £2 11s, 1 bull at £4 7s; 1 cow for T. C. Billingham at £3 7s, 1 calf at £1 16s; 1 cow for H. Meeden at £2 3s; 1 heifer for J. Hamlin at £7 7s; 1 bull for J. Goldsmith at £3 18s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—2 bullocks for J. P. Smith at £16, 1 heifer at £8 9s, 3 steers at £7 7s, 4 vealers at £5; 2 bullocks for J. W. L. Herout at £12 1s, 1 stag at £9 16s, 8 heifers to £6 10s, averaging £6 0s 8d, 2 steers at £6 4s, 1 calf at £3 3s, 2 at £1 10s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—29 bullocks for J. and F. M'Evoy to £17, averaging £14 1s 5d, 1 cow at £10 17s 6d; 13 bullocks for Southern agents to £12 2s 6d, 32 steers to £9 12s, averaging £9 1s 3d, 6 cows at £6 4s, 27 heifers to £6, averaging £4 12s 7d; 6 bullocks for A. Hunt to £10 10s, averaging £9 14s 6d, 20 steers to £4 15s, averaging £4 10s 6d, 1 cow at £4 1s, 2 yearlings at £3 1s, 3 calves at £1 18s; 3 cows for Southern agents to £6 4s, averaging £5 15s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—18 bullocks for P. J. O'Donnell to £16 12s 6d, averaging £15 18s 5d, 1 cow at £9 10s, 1 stag at £8 5s; 1 bullock for F. W. Hume at £17, 1 bull at £5 12s 6d, 30 cows to £8 12s 6d, averaging £7 3s 9d, 25 calves to £1 15s, averaging £1 1s 1d; 22 cows for W. Richardson to £12 5s, averaging £11 18s 6d; 12 bullocks for I. Rudd at £10 7s 6d, averaging £9 13s 9d, 10 cows to £10 10s, averaging £8 8s 5d, 4 steers to £9 10s, averaging £7 12s 4d; 3 bullocks for Southern agents at £7 8, 1 steer at £4, 2 calves at £1 19s; 4 cows for J. Williams to £7 15s, averaging £6 8s 3d, 6 heifers to £8 5s, averaging £2 15s 4d, 5 bulls to £3 1s, averaging £2 9s; 10 cows for Southern agents at £4.

THE CITY YARDS.

William Inglis and Son's report:—Milch cows: The yarding this week was a large one, and comprised some very good cows, balance medium and inferior quality. There was a large attendance of buyers, and competition throughout spirited. Best made from £10 5s to £11 15s; extra, £12 5s to £14 5s; good, £8 10s to £10; medium, £6 to £7; inferior, £4 5s to £5 5s. We sold 74 at the above quotations, also 41 dry and fat cattle from £3 10s to £10 12s 6d; also 30 young heifers and steers, 37s 6d to £3 14s. Calves: We sold 26 (Western agents), 30s to 42s; 3 (Campbelltown), 10s to 22s; 20 (per manager), 15s 6d to 20s; 15 (Southern agents), 20s to 37s; 43 (various owners), 10s to 37s 6d. Pigs: We sold 69 (Clarence and Macleay Rivers), 27s to £3 6s 6d; 25 (Northern agents) 20s to £4 15s; 15 (Penrith), 27s to £3 5s 6d; 24 (Rooty Hill), 18s 6d to £4; 10 (Liverpool), 29s to £3 9s 6d; 53 (suburban owners), 26s 6d to £5 15s.

Ellis and Co. report having sold at the City Corporation Saleyards and their Railway Stock Saleyards:—Milch cows, £5 to £13 10s each; fat cows, £5 5s to £13. Fat calves 19 for Byrnes at 16s to 54s, 13 for Ireland at 58s to 70s, 12 for various at 19s to 36s each. Fat pigs: 13 for Brown at 42s to 48s 6d, 8 for Oxley at 26s 6d to 108s 6d, 15 for Morris at 35s 6d, 30 for Bates at 22s to 84s 6d, 15 for Lyall at 40s to 95s 6d, 28 for various at 21s to 75s each. Store pigs: 19 for various at 14s to 30s each.

Maiden Brothers sold over 320 pigs, realising 105s for backfatters, 58s 6d for baconers and 48s 6d for porkers; also sold 80 calves to 102s.

Hill, Clark, and Co. sold 360 pigs to £7 17s 6d, and 115 calves to 53s.

George Wells and Matthews sold 41 calves from 12s to £4 10s, and 219 pigs from £1 15s 6d to £7 14s.

J. C. Young and Co. sold 120 pigs to £4 2s 6d, 36 calves to £3 17s 6d.

ALBURY, Thursday.

At the Albury market to-day 160 cattle were yarded. The bulk was inferior to medium, with only a small proportion of fairly good quality. Fat bullocks made £9 to £10, a few higher; inferior to medium to £6 to £8 15s. Best pens fat cows £8 to £9 15s 6d, a few higher; light and inferior, £5 to £7 10s; fat calves, £1 to £2 10s; few extra prime and heavy, £5 5s; three-year steers, fresh condition, £5 10s; yearling heifers and steers, £2 to £2 10s. 5000 sheep were yarded. One-third of the supply consisted of useful to medium. There was a scarcity of prime. Merino wethers made 10s to 11s 9d, a few higher; crossbred ewes, 10s to 12s, inferior to medium, 8s to 9s 6d; fat lambs (mostly indifferent quality), 6s to 8s 6d, a few higher; store wethers, 4s to 6s. Aged and low conditioned sheep were only saleable at low rates.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The following prices were realised at the Corporation Yards to-day: 30 head of fat cattle being yarded and 28 sold. Bullocks, £9 4s to £10 5s; best cows, £10 2s to £10 11s; medium to £9; small to £7 6s. 136 store cattle yarded and sold. Cows, £3 2s to £3 13s; heifers, £1 8s to £2 9s; steers, £1 8s to £2 9s. 450 fat sheep and lambs were penned, and 300 sold. Merino ewes sold at 9s 2d to 10s 6d; good lambs, 9s 10d to 11s 6d; medium, 7s 3d to 9s 4d.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Fat stock sales were held to-day at Campbell's Hill saleyards. There was a good attendance of buyers. Fat cattle were yarded in fair supply. Competition was active, and values were firm at Monday's rates. Best bullocks made £17 10s to £19; good, £13 6s to £16 2s 6d; light and medium, £7 11s to £10 15s. Cows. Best, £8 to £8 19s; others, £5 5s to £7 5s. Fat calves were penned in light supply with a good demand, prime realising high rates. Prime made 76s to 94s; good, 45s 6d to 55s; others from 34s. Fat sheep were penned in fairly large supply, the bulk of the consignments consisting of medium quality. Prime sold well, but medium and inferior were at lower rates. Best crossbred wethers made 18s 9d to 19s 1d; seconds, 14s 2d to 17s 2d; others, 10s 9d to 13s 7d. Ewes: Tops, 14s 9d to 14s 11d; seconds, 12s 11d to 13s 5d. Best merino shorn wethers, 14s to 14s 4d; Seconds, 12s to 13s 11d; others from 10s. Ewes: Tops, 14s 9d; seconds, 12s 6d. Wethers, in wool, 15s 11d to 17s 6d. Fat and store pigs were penned in fair supply. The demand was brisk and high rates ruled. Baconers made 48s to 68s 6d; porkers, 26s 6d to 41s 6d; stores and slips, 7s to 15s 6d.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Tallow.—A rather quiet market ruled at yesterday's sales, and prices showed a decline of about 2s 6d per ton on last week's figures. Quotations: Prime mixed, £30 to £30 10s per ton; good mixed £29 10s to £29 17s 6d; medium mixed, £28 15s to £29 5s; inferior mixed, £28 10s to £28 15s; broken packages, good, £28 to £29; broken packages, inferior, £24 10s to £29 15s. 137 casks were offered, and 71 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Horsehair declined about 1d per lb. Shankbones, hoofs, hidepieces, and horns, sold well at full rates, whilst other lines were unaltered. Quotations: Horsehair sold to 20d per lb., cow to 13½d, stumps to 7½d, shankbones (round) to £5 10s, ordinary mixed to £3 5s, sawn thigh bones to £18 5s, buttocks to £5 15s; hoofs, black to £4 5s, striped to £5, white to £5 10s, best mixed to £5 5s, ordinary to £3 5s; hidepieces, best to £9 15s, ordinary to £6 10s, dehaired to £20, fleshings to £7 17s 6d; sinews, best to £26 10s, ordinary to £18; pizzles to £8 10s; horns to 90s per 100; beeswax, 12d to 12½d per lb.

MAITLAND PRODUCE SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the Farmers' Union sales yesterday produce was forward in very large supplies, and there was a large attendance of buyers. Competition was fairly brisk, and all lines were cleared at satisfactory prices. The demand for hay was dull, and values were easier. Lucerne hay made £3 to £4 18s 6d ton; oaten hay, £5 to £6; wheaten hay, £4 to £4 15s; chaff, 3s 6d to 4s bag; maize, 6s to 6s 2d bushel; eggs, 1s to 1s 3d dozen; butter, 10d to 1s lb.; bacon, 1s to 1s 0½d; hams, 1s 4d to 1s 6d; lard, 9d to 1s; honey, 3d to 3½d lb.; lucerne seed, 8½d; sorghum, 4d to 4½d; potatoes, prime, 10s to 12s cwt.; ditto, small, 9s to 9s 6d; onions, 3s 6d to 4s 6d cwt.; peas, 9d to 1s; beans, 7d to 8d; cabbage, 3d to 2s per dozen; lemons, 3d to 9d dozen; tomatoes, 6d to 1s dozen; marrows, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; cucumbers, 6d to 1s; fowls, roosters 4s to 7s 6d pair, hens 2s 6d to 5s, chickens 1s to 3s; ducks, prime 5s to 7s 6d, medium 4s to 4s 6d; geese, 6s 6d; pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 6d.

At the butchers' produce sales hides made, best 17s 7d to 30s; others from 9s to 16s 6d; yearlings, 2s to 8s; calfskins, 9d to 2s 6d; sheepskins, best heavy 4s 5d to 7s 3d, good 5s to 6s 1d, others 3s to 4s 9d; wool, 3½d to 6½lb.; horsehair, 1s to 1s 7d lb., cowhair, 4½d to 7½d lb.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

A moderate range of business was recorded on the Mining market yesterday, chiefly in Queensland gold companies, which in the majority of instances were firmer. Brilliant Extended, paid, advanced to 26s, with later sales at 25s 9d. Brilliant Extended, contributing, changed hands at 22s, Queen Central, paid, at 15s 3d, Victoria and Caledonia Block, paid, at 11s 3d, and contributing at 9s 6d to 9s 7½d. In the Gympie division South Glanmire and Monkland were a shade easier at 35s with further buyers at that figure. Local gold and dredging companies were somewhat stronger. Ballarat of New South Wales, contributing, changed hands at 3s 3d, and New Hillgrove Proprietary at 4s 4d. Associated Gold Dredging were 1d firmer at 2s 4d, and Jembaicumbene Middle Ground advanced to 7s 6d. Tasman Ophir (Tasmania) sold at 8d compared with previous business at 1s 3d, and Woodlark Island, contributing (New Guinea), were steady at 2s to 2s 2d. With the exception of an advance in Briseis Tin Mines to 9s 1d, and an inquiry for Smith's Creek at 13s, tin stocks were unchanged. Barrier silver shares were again a shade firmer, with business in Broken Hill Proprietary at 25s 6d.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	30/	—
East Greta	24/	—
Metton	70/	—
Newcastle	17,0/	—
Stockton	—	8,3
Ditto, new	—	4/
Vale of Clwydd	20/	—
Wallsend	36,7,6	—
Waratah	7/	10/
Wickham and Bullock Island	2/	2,6
COPPER.		
Cobar Chesney	—	1,3
Dotswood Freehold	—	1,6
Great Cobar	76/	—
Mount Garnet Freehold	—	1,6
New Chillagoe	—	1,9
TIN.		
Briseis	8 6	10/
Smith's Creek Proprietary	13/	—
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	—	7/
Ditto, new	3/	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	25/	—
Block 10	22/	26/
Block 14	2/	—
B.H. Junction	2/	—
Junction North	9d	—
North Broken Hill	6 3	7,6
E. H. South	17/	18/
Ditto, con.	8/	10,3
B. H. South Blocks	4,3	4,9
Ditto, con.	1,3	1,9
Sulphide Corporation	6/	6,6
Ditto, preference	12/	—
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	9d	1/
Mount Lyell	44/	48/
GOLD. New South Wales, &c.		
Baker's Creek	—	7/
Ballarat of New South Wales, con.	3,3	3,6
Lachlan Gold Fields	6/	9/
Mount David	1/	1,6
Mt. Drysdale	9/	—
Occidental	10/	10,6
Peak Hill	—	1,6
Sunlight	—	9d
Woodlark Island	3/	3,3
Ditto, con.	2	2,1
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Araluen Central	10,6	11,3
Ditto, con.	9,6	10,3
Araluen Val'y Consolidated	—	5,8
Associated Gold Dredg.	2/4	2,6
Cope's Creek	3,10	4/
Federal Centrifugal	1/	—
Jembaicumbene	—	7,6
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	—	8/
New Araluen Junction	—	2,10
Wilberforce	—	5/
Queensland.		
Band of Hope	29/	29,6
Bonnie Dundee	7,6	9/
Brilliant Central	—	69,6
Brilliant Extended	25/6	26/3
Ditto, con.	22/	23/
Brilliant St. George	—	24/
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c.	2,6	3/
Ditto, con.	1 6	1/10
Day Dawn Gold Mines	15/	—
East Oriental and Glanmire	—	7/
Ditto, con.	—	5/
Kelly's Queen Block	3 6	4,3
Mt. Morgan	75/	80/
N'th Columbia and Smithfield No. 1, old	—	4/4
Ditto, new	—	3,9
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	18 6	20/
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 2	1,8	1/11
No. 1 North Smithfield	—	3/
No. 1 North Victory	—	3/
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated	1,8	—
Oriental and Glanmire	—	17/
Oriental Extended	—	3,6
Ditto, c.a.	—	4,6
Papuan	7,3	8/
Queen Central	15/	16/
Ditto, con.	11/	—
Queen Cross Reef	44/	—
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	2 6	3 6
South Glanmire and Monkland	35/	35 9
South Great Eastern No. 1	—	1/
Ditto No. 2	—	80/
Vesuvius	—	9 3
Victoria G.M. Association	2 9	3/
Victory, con.	—	1/
Victoria and Caledonia Block	11/	11/4
Ditto, con.	9/6	9/10
Western Australia.		
Associated	31/	32 9
Ditto Northern Blocks	66/	68 6
Chaffer's	—	5/3
Great Boulder	18 6	19/6
Ditto, Main Reef	13 6	—
Gt. Boulder Perseverance	9,0/	9/10/
Hannan's Block 45	—	1/
Hannan's Oroya	—	55/
Ivanhoe	7/0/	7,5/
Kalgurli, London register	65/	75/
Kalgurli South, London register	—	18 6
Lake View Consols	48/	—
Queensland Menzies	8,3	9/
Queen Margaret	5,8	6 6
Queen Margaret Central	—	1/
Victory United	—	2 4

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were recorded:—Forenoon: Woodlark Island Proprietary, contributing, 2s; Jembaicumbene Middle Ground, 7s 6d; Brilliant Extended, contributing, 22s; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 9s 6d. Later: Victory C.T., contributing, 1s 6d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 35s. Noon: Brilliant Extended, paid, 26s. Later: Tasman Ophir, 8d; Queen Central, paid, 15s 3d; Brilliant Extended, paid, 25s 9d. Afternoon: Associated Gold Dredging, 2s 4d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, paid, 11s 3d. Later: Mount Bischoff Tin, £37; Woodlark, contributing, 2s 1d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 9s 7½d; Brilliant Extended, paid, 25s 9d; Ballarat of New South Wales, contributing, 3s 3d; Briseis Tin Mines, 9s 1d; Craven's Caledonia, 2s 3d; New Hillgrove Proprietary, 4s 4d: Broken Hill Proprietary, 25s 6d; Woodlark, contributing, 2s 2d.

The Tasmanian Ophir Gold-mining Company advise having received the following telegram from the mine manager, under date December 10:—"Bottom level still shows good gold and is payable."

The manager of the Mount Garnet Freehold Copper mine, North Queensland, reports to December 8:—"Rain has now commenced. Lower dam overflowing; top dam quarter full. Slight landslip has occurred, but, except for loss of time, is not serious."

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

MOLONG, Thursday.

Work at the Cundumbul copper mine is proceeding satisfactorily. The syndicate has struck payable ore, but intends developing the property before opening out thoroughly.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Block 10 mill, working 91 hours for the week, treated 2014 tons of crudes, which produced 314 tons of concentrates of good metal value. Despatches totalled 457 tons of concentrates to Port Pirie, leaving 466 tons in hand. Stopes generally are looking first-class, and well maintaining supplies. The body north of Kelly shaft, 1000ft. level, continues to maintain a very satisfactory appearance. Progressive work is being hurried on at various points of operation. At Campbell's 1100ft. level the main north drive continues to carry about 5ft. wide of sulphide, averaging from 16 to 18 per cent. lead and 18oz. silver.

INTER-STATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 25s 6d, 26s 3d; Block 14, 2s 1d; B. Hill Junction, 2s; South B. Hill, paid, 17s 6d, 17s 10½d; Junction North, 11½d, 1s; Sulphide Corporation, ordinary, 5s 9d, 6s; Associated Northern Blocks London, 67s; ditto, colonial, 67s, buyer 66s 9d, seller 67s; Block 45, 11d; Cosmopolitan, colonial, buyer 16s 6d, seller 17s 6d; Cumberland, contributing, 8d; Great Boulder Proprietary, buyer 19s, seller 19s 1½d; Boulder Main Reef, colonial, 14s, buyer 13s 10½d, seller 14s 3d; Hainault, colonial, buyer 8s 9d, seller 9s; Hannan's Oroya, colonial, 54s, buyer 53s 6d, seller 54s; Island Eureka, 5s 11d, 5s 8d, 5s 10d, 5s 8d, buyer 5s 8d, seller 5s 9d; Kalgurli, colonial, buyer 68s, seller 78s; Princess Royal, paid, buyer 34s, seller 35s; ditto, contributing, 34s, buyer 33s 6d; Queen Margaret, 5s 11d, seller 6s 2d; Queensland Menzies, buyer 8s 9d, seller 8s 11d; Westralia Waihi, paid, 1s 9d, buyer 1s 8½d, seller 1s 10d; ditto, contributing, 1s, 1s 0d, 1s 1d, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 2d; Tarcoola Blocks, 5s, buyer 5s, seller 5s 3d; Victory United, 1s 11½d, 1s 10½d, 1s 11d, 1s 10½d, buyer 1s 10d, seller 1s 10½d; Wallaroo, buyer 15s 7½d, seller 16s 6d; North Queensland Tin, buyer 35s, seller 50s; Briseis, 9s 3d, buyer 9s, seller 9s 3d; Stannery Hills, 8s 1d, 8s 1½d, 8s 1d, buyer 8s, seller 8s 1d; Smith's Creek, 14s, 13s 6d, buyer 13s 6d, seller 13s 9d; Arbouin Hills, 2s, buyer 1s 11d, seller 2s.

BALLARAT, Thursday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—Birthday Tunnel, 13s 6d; Central Plateau, 2s 5d; Dalzell Buchanan, 6½d; Kangaroo, 1s 10d, 1s 9d; New Birthday, 3s 5d; Sons of Freedom Central, 9s, 8s 7d; South Star Extended, 1s 2d; Spring Hill and Central, 21s 3d; West Berry Consols, 1s 10d; Williams' Fancy, 4s 10d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

On the Exchange to-day sales were—Central Lady Brassey, 2s 4d; Clarence United, 36s; Cornish United, £24, £25, £25 10s; Cumberland and Phoenix, 2s 4d, 2s 4½d, 2s 6d; Golden Age, 3s 9d; Hustler's Reef, 24s 9d, 24s 6d; John Bull, 1s 7d; North Johnson's, 5s 1½d; South New Moon, 128s, 131s.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—Day Dawn Gold Mines, 15s 9d; Kelly's Queen, contributing, 2s 4d; Maud St. Leger, 6d; Victoria and Queen, 37s; Victoria and Caledonia, contributing, 9s 8d; Victoria G.M., 2s 9d.

Quotations were:—Bonnie Dundee, buyer 7s 6d, seller 8s 6d; Brilliant Block, buyer 6s 6d, seller 6s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 7s, seller 7s 6d; Brilliant Freehold, buyer 3s 7d, seller 3s 10d; ditto paid, buyer 3s 8d, seller 4s; ditto Extended, buyer 22s, seller 22s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 26s, seller 27s; Clark's B.W. and Victory, buyer 1s 6d, seller 1s 7d; ditto, paid, buyer 2s 4d; Craven's Caledonia, buyer 2s 2d, seller 2s 3d; Columbia Gold Mines, buyer 1s 8d, seller 2s 6d; Currency Lass, buyer 2s 6d, seller 3s 6d; Day Dawn P.C., buyer 2s 3d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, buyer 15s 1d, seller 16s; Day Dawn Consolidated, buyer 8s 6d, seller 9s; Grand Junction, buyer 2s 11d; ditto, paid, buyer 5s; Kelly's Queen, buyer 2s 3d, seller 2s 5d; ditto, paid, buyer 3s 8d, seller 4s; Kulamadau, buyer 1s 5d, seller 1s 6½d; ditto, paid, buyer 1s 10d, seller 2s 3d; Lady Florence, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 5d; Marshalls Queen, buyer 20s, seller 20s 6d; Maud St. Leger, buyer 6d, seller 9d; Mills United, buyer 5s 10d, seller 6s 4d; New Queen, buyer 4s, seller 4s 3d; North Queen, buyer 2s 6d; ditto, paid, buyer 4s, seller 5s; Papuan, buyer 7s, seller 7s 9d; Phoebe, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s; Queen Cross Reef, buyer 46s, seller 46s; Queen Cross Extended, buyer 4d, seller 5d; Queen Central, buyer 10s 6d, seller 11s 6d; ditto, paid, buyer 15s, seller 15s 6d; Ruby, buyer 3s 6d, seller 3s 8d; ditto, paid, buyer 3s 7d, seller 4s; Ruby United, buyer 1s 8d; Ruby South, buyer 5½d; ditto, paid, buyer 1s; Victoria and Queen, buyer 36s, seller 37s 6d; Victoria and Caledonia, buyer 9s 6d, seller 10s; ditto, paid, buyer 10s 9d, seller 11s 6d; Victoria G.M., buyer 2s 6d, seller 3s.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—East Oriental, contributing, 3s 7d, 3s 6d. Quotations were:—Columbia Smithfield, buyer 3s 8d, seller 4s; No. 2 North Columbia, buyer 4s 9d, seller 5s; South Glanmire and Monklands, buyer 34s 9d, seller 35s; No. 1 North Oriental, buyer 19s 3d, seller 21s; No. 2 North Oriental, buyer 1s 8½d, seller 1s 11d Oriental, contributing, buyer 3s 6d, seller 3s 10d; No. 6 North Phoenix, buyer 1s 1½d, seller 1s 5d; Phoenix Eastern Tribute, buyer 1s 3½d, seller 1s 4d; No. 1 North Smithfield, buyer 2s 9d, seller 3s 6d; Smithfield Eastern Tribute, buyer 2s 3d, seller 3s 1d; No. 2 North Victory, buyer 6d, seller 10d.

HOBART, Thursday.

Quotations on the Exchange to-day were: Comet, buyer 9d, seller 1s 6d; Hercules, seller 6s 3d; North Farrell, buyer 3s 6d, seller 4s 6d; Lyell Blocks, buyer 5d; North Lyell, seller 23s; Briseis, buyer 8s 9d, seller 9s 6d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £36 5s, seller £37; Brothers Home, buyer 1s 6d.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—Volunteer, buyer 2s 8d, seller 2s 11d; Tasmania Gold Mine, buyer £4 15s; Magnet, seller 23s; Hercules, buyer 5s 4d, seller 6s 3d; Mount Lyell, buyer 44s; Mount Bischoff, buyer £36 5s, seller £37; Arba, seller 12s 6d; South Esk, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 6d; Pioneer, buyer 85s.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Business in mining shares on the Exchange to-day comprised sales as follow:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 25s; South Broken Hill, paid, 17s, 17s 6d; South Blocks, paid, 4s; Sulphide Corporation, 5s 11d, 6s; Tasman and Crown Extended, 9d; Coppertop, 3d, 2½d; Briseis, 9s 3d, 9s 4d, 9s; Surprise Gully, 1s 1d, 1s 2d, 1s 0½d; Cassilis, 27s 6d; Great South Long Tunnel, 4s 11d, 3s 11d, 4s 6d; Hustler's Reef, 25s, 24s 6d, 24s 9d; Long Tunnel Extended, £12 15s, £12 18s, £12 5s; South German, 20s; South New Moon, £6 8s, £6 10s; Star of the East, 13s 6d; All Nations, 6s; Amalgamated Scots and Perthshire, 9d; Birthday Tunnel, 13s 6d, 13s 3d; Clarence, 36s, 35s; Duke of North, 3s 9d; Duke of York, 1s 8d; Golden Age, 4s; Long Tunnel North, 4s 3d; New Dempsey, 29s 3d, 29s 6d; Quartz Hill, 5s 9d; Sloane and Scotchman, 2s, 1s 11d; Spring-hill and Central Leads, 21s 6d; West Berry Consols, 1s 9d; White Star (8s 5d paid), 3s.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

The South Kalgurli Company during November treated 2700 tons for 2610oz. of gold.

CATTLE IN PUBLIC PARKS.

The advisability of depasturing cattle in public recreation reserves has of late received the attention of residents of North Sydney, and at the last meeting of the local council a petition was presented on the subject from a large number of property-owners and ratepayers in the borough. It was pointed out that the practice made it impossible to observe one of the most essential conditions in the conduct of the parks—that of cleanliness—while the cattle were allowed to stray over the walks and grass plots in all directions. Again, it was stated that there was a natural fear on the part of many persons, particularly women and children, to venture among the cattle, in consequence of which many people were compelled to walk round the parks instead of traversing them. The petition was referred to the general purposes committee, at which a deputation from the petitioners will be received.

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Funerals.

JERROM.—The Friends of Mrs. EDWARD JERROM are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND; to leave his late residence, 48 Grosvenor-street, Neutral Bay, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., for Gore Hill Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY, N. Sydney Branch, 183 Alfred-street; Central Office, 812 George-street, city.

JERROM.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD GEORGE JERROM are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER; to leave 48 Grosvenor-street, Neutral Bay, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

JERROM.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST JERROM are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER; to leave 48 Grosvenor-street, Neutral Bay, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

JERROM.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. SMITH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER, Edward Jerrom; to leave 48 Grosvenor-street, Neutral Bay, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Sydney, Pyrmont, Balmain.
Tel., 424, &c. N. Sydney, &c.

A SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral THIS FRIDAY, at 9 a.m., for the eternal repose of the soul of the late JAMES HORAN.

HORAN.—The Funeral of the deceased Mr. JAMES HORAN will move from St. Mary's Cathedral, THIS FRIDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-street, and 51 Darlinghurst-road. Tel., 875.

LYNCH.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS LYNCH and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his WIFE and their MOTHER; to leave 6 Cottenham-street, Glebe, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for St. Thomas' C. of E. Cemetery, Enfield.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.
Tel., 424, &c.

SMITHERS.—The Friends of the late Mrs. LOUISA SMITHERS are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, 1 Little Underwood-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Friday, at 8.45 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
CHARLES KINSELA, 61 Oxford-street, &c.

SUTER.—The Funeral of the late CATHERINE SUTER will leave Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS AFTERNOON, at quarter to 2, for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis.
BOOTS and GOMMESON, Undertakers,
Tel., 56 N. 250 King-street, Newtown.

SUTER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DENIS LAWLER are kindly informed that the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Catherine Suter, will leave Prince Alfred Hospital THIS AFTERNOON at quarter to 2 for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis.
BOOTS and GOMMESON, Undertakers, Newtown.

WATT.—The Friends of Mr. SAMUEL WATT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved MOTHER; to move from her late residence, No. 3 Gladstone-street, Surry Hills, TO-DAY, Friday, at 1.45, for Rookwood.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, 186 Devonshire-street, Surry Hills.

KOHLER.—The Friends of Mr. HENRY KOHLER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON, Henry; to move from his residence, 68 Enmore-road, Marrickville, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON at 1.45, for Necropolis. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 206 King-street, Newtown.

LEAMAN.—The Funeral of the late Mr. THOMAS WILLIAM LEAMAN will leave 21 Loon-street, Croydon, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Croydon station.
ERNEST ANDREWS,
Tel., 75 N. 17 Mary-street, Newtown.

ISLIP.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE ISLIP are kindly informed that the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Nellie, will leave Campbell-street, Cook's River, at ½ to 2, for Sutherland Cemetery, via Tempe station. BOOTS and GOMMESON, Undertakers, 250 King-street, Newtown. Tel., 56 N.

OLSEN.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. NICHOLAS OLSEN are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 120 Terry-street, Rozelle, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Balmain Branches, 7 Beattie-street, and 118 Weston-road.

OLSEN.—The Friends of Mrs. NICHOLAS OLSEN and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave 120 Terry-street, Rozelle, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery. COFFILL and COMPANY.

OLSEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE EDWARDS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Nicholas Olsen; to leave 120 Terry-street, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Main Depot, Harris-street;
Tel., 424, &c. Central Office, 812 George-street.

SHANNON.—The Friends of the late Miss HONORAH SHANNON are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will leave her late residence, 215 Darling-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors and Embalmers, &c.,
Tel., 726, &c. Sydney and Suburbs.

SHANNON.—The Friends of Miss ELLEN SHANNON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SISTER, Honorah, which will leave her late residence, 215 Darling-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY.

SHANNON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. PIGOTT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Miss Honorah Shannon, which will leave her late residence, 215 Darling-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

SHANNON.—The Friends of GERALD, BERTIE, WILLIAM, FRANCIS, MAY, and GERTIE PIGOTT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved AUNTIE, Miss Honorah Shannon, which will leave her late residence, 215 Darling-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Wav. Cem.

DENNETT.—The Friends of Mrs. DENNETT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER, Lillian Maud; to move from 63 Clarence-street, city, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15, to C. of E. Cemetery, Waverley. W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-street, and 183 George-street West.

KENNY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN KENNY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their SON, John, which will move from their residence, No. 2 Collins-street, Balmain West, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter past 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde.
WOOD and COMPANY.
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MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. PATRICK MOLONEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Margaret; to move from her son's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY (Friday), at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
CHARLES KINSELA, Funeral Director,
Tel. 992, &c. Head Office, 116 Oxford-street, &c.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES PATRICK MOLONEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, Margaret Moloney; to move from their brother's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY (Friday), at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL JOSEPH MOLONEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, Margaret Moloney; to move from their residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY (Friday), at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, 765 George-st.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. MOLONEY are requested to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER; to move from her late residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mrs. D. M'INERNEY (Courthouse Hotel, Redfern) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Margaret Moloney; to move from her son's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY (Friday), at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN TOOHEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved AUNT, Mrs. Margaret Moloney; to move from her son's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY (Friday), at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, Rockdale.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PATRICK TOOHEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved AUNT, Mrs. Margaret Moloney; to move from her son's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL TOOHEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved AUNT, Mrs. Margaret Moloney; to move from her son's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN M'ELHONE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved AUNT, Mrs. Margaret Moloney; to move from her son's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA.

MOLONEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES M'STRAVICK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FRIEND, Mrs. Margaret Moloney; to move from her son's residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA.

THE Friends of MARY MOLONEY are requested to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved AUNT; to move from her late residence, Ilfracombe, Avoca-street, Randwick, THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

FLYNN.—The Friends of Mr. PAUL FLYNN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Mary; to move from their residence, 20 Chelsea-street, Redfern, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-street, and 113 Miller-street, N. Syd.

FLYNN.—The Friends of Mr. J. RYAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved SISTER, Mrs. Mary Flynn; to move from her residence, 20 Chelsea-street, Redfern, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city. Tel., 875.

FLYNN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. HARRINGTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Mary Flynn; to move from her residence, 20 Chelsea-street, Redfern, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city.

FLYNN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. MINIHAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Mary Flynn; to move from her residence, 20 Chelsea-street, Redfern, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st.

FLYNN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. RYAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Mary Flynn; to move from her residence, 20 Chelsea-street, Redfern, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city.

CARROLL.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. CHARLES CARROLL, J.P., are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave the residence of his sister, Mrs. Friel, 300 Palmer-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for Waverley R.C. Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-st.; 183 George-st. W.

CARROLL.—The Friends of Mrs. J. FRIEL and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER and UNCLE, Mr. Charles Carroll, J.P.; to leave 300 Palmer-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for Waverley Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxf.-st.

CARROLL.—The Friends of JOHN, JAMES, ANDREW CARROLL, and Mr. and Mrs. P. LYNCH are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Mr. C. Carroll, J.P.; to leave 300 Palmer-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for Waverley Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO.

PAYTEN.—The Friends of Mr. CHARLES PAYTEN, S.M., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FATHER; to move from his late residence, Peckham, 152 Chapel-street, Marrickville, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at 8.45, for Rookwood, via Newtown station.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, 186 Devonshire-street, Surry Hills.

PAYTEN.—The Friends of the late SAMUEL PAYTEN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Peckham, 152 Chapel-street, Marrickville, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at 8.45, for Rookwood, via Newtown station.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, Railway Bridge, Newtown.

PAYTEN.—The Friends of Mrs. SAMUEL PAYTEN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND; to move from his late residence, Peckham, 152 Chapel-street, Marrickville, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at 8.45, for Rookwood, via Newtown.
T. J. ANDREWS, Newtown.

M'CANN.—The Friends of the late EDWARD M'CANN (Painter) are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 60 M'Kenzie-street, Waverley, THIS DAY, Friday, at 3.15 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

BOGDAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN BOGDAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Lily Maud; to leave their residence, Taplow Cottage, Renwick-street, Alexandria, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. T. DIXON.

BOGDAN.—The Friends of Mr. AUGUSTUS C. SMITH and Mrs. C. ALISON, of Waterloo, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved GRANDDAUGHTER, Lily Maud Bogdan; to leave her parents' residence, Taplow Cottage, Renwick-street, Alexandria, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. T. DIXON.

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COOK, 20s, Potts Pt.; Mother and D., £80, stn., Manilla; L'dress, Waitress, Pantrymaid, f.-c., hotel, 15s, int. 10; Ck. and L'dress, £45, stn., Wagga; Cook, 15s, small hotel, tab.; yg. C. and L., 16s; H maid, 13s, 14s, Burradoo; C. and L., 15s, Tenterfield; sup. General, 14s, s. fam., Randwick, int. 10; 14s, Annandale; 14s, Potts Pt.; 12s, 13s, all subs.; 2 Waitresses, 12s, subs.; W. H'keeper, no obj. child, sub.; H.P.M., 12s sub.; &c. 110 Bathurst-st.

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MARRIED Couple, man groom and gardener, wife caretaker, cottage, gas, 30s, no board, suburb; M.C., groom and gardener, wife cook and ldress, £65, Burwood; Cook and Baker, 20s, stn., S. line. WILTON, 29 Eliz.-st.

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NEWSLETTER, Xmas No. ready Dec. 18. Nothing to approach it. See to-day's, 1d everywhere.

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WANTED, a smart LAD, for kitchen work. City Cafe, 274 George-st.

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Cream Silk Frocks, plain tucked, 8s 6d; trimmed Lace, 15s 6d, 18s 6d, 22s 6d, 25s, 27s 6d.
(KEEP THIS LIST BY YOU.)
Cream Cashmere Pelisses, trimmed Silk Embroidery, 6s 11d, 8s 6d, 10s 6d, 12s 6d, 15s 6d, 17s 6d, 21s to 45s.

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WANTED, tidy little GIRL, mind baby walking, hours 10 to 5. 153 Palmer-st.

WANTED, BARMAID, also Assistant. 71 Parramatta-rd., Annandale.

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Apply Mrs. LEE, Kelso.

WANTED, HORSES and TIPCARTS, must be good, for sandshifting. Apply to
A. WILSON, on works, Rose Bay.

WANTED, good GENERAL, must cook well, wages 15s. Apply
Mrs. ABRAHAMS, Havelock Villa, Doncaster-avenue, Kensington.

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